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# COX GENEALOGY.

SOME MATERIALS TOWARDS A HISTORY OF THE EARLY  
COX FAMILIES OF NEW ENGLAND.

BY REV. JOHN H. COX, OF LEXINGTON, MASS.

WILLIAM COX, of Pemaquid, is the first person of this name in New England, of whom we have any record. He is supposed to have come from the vicinity of Bristol, in England,\* where the name is common, and from which place the present town of Bristol, Maine (which includes the location of the Pemaquid settlement), derives its name. Even the Christian names common in the early generations of the family here were the prevailing ones among the Coxes there in the early part of the seventeenth century.

He first appears at Pemaquid as a witness to the "first deed of conveyance of American soil,"† dated July 15, 1625, by which Captain John Somerset‡ and Unnongoit, Indian sagamores, convey to "John Brown of New Harbor" a tract of land "Beginning at Pemaquid Falls and so running a direct course to the

\*Pemaquid.—Westward from Penobscott (which is the Southermost Fort in Nova Scotia) fourteen Leagues off is Pemaquid in which River Alderman Alworth of Bristole, settled a Company of People in the yeare 1625, which Plantation hath continued and many Families are now [1660] settled there. There was a Patent granted for it by his Maties: Royall Grandfather and by vertue of that Patent they hold the Islands of Monahegan and Damcrells Coue, and other small ones adjacent Commodious for fishing.—*Matherick's Description of New England, Genealogical Register, xxxix, 34.*

†Thornton's Ancient Pemaquid, p.63. Maine Hist. Coll., v., 195.

‡The "Samoset" who welcomed the Pilgrims at Plymouth.



*head of New Harbor, from thence to the south end of Muscongus Island, taking in the island, and so running five and twenty miles into the country north and by east, and thence eight miles northwest and by west, and then turning and running south and by west, to Pemaquid where first begun."*

We again learn of William Cox through the deposition of John Pearce, made at Manchester, Mass., in 1735. Pearce was born at Muscongus, near Pemaquid about 1644.\* He knew William Cox who lived at Cox's Cove and owned a farm bounded southwesterly on land of one Cole, *northerly on land of John Brown, easterly on land of one Philips, and westerly by a brook.* Was this northerly boundary the southern boundary of John Brown's purchase from the Indian sagamores, viz., a direct course from Pemaquid Falls to the head of New Harbor? If it was, then Cox's Cove must have been situated on the eastern side of the Pemaquid River, not as Johnston states (Bristol and Bremen, 218) east of the peninsula where the fort stood, but farther up the river (as he surmises in his footnote), in order to have a brook as the westerly boundary of Cox's farm. We know not how or when Cox acquired this farm, neither do we know how long he occupied it nor how he disposed of it. Some of his descendants, in one line, have continued to dwell in that vicinity, even to the present time, with the exception of brief periods when the Indians forced them to seek shelter in the coast towns of Massachusetts. His is the only name still borne by descendants in the vicinity of Pemaquid, which dates back to the time of the settlement of the "Company of People" by Robert Aldworth and Gyles Elbridge, merchants, of Bristol.

William Cox appears on record for the last time (unless he was the freeman of 1674), as a witness to a deed, dated August 8, 1660. This deed was from his old neighbor, "John Brown of New Harbor" to Brown's son-in-law, "Sander" Gould, and Margaret his wife, and conveyed part of the land which he purchased of the Indian sagamores in 1625. It is remarkable that the same name (Matthew Newman) which appeared as witness with Cox to the deed of 1625, appears again as fellow witness thirty-five years later.

At a court held at Pemaquid July 22, 1674, by Maj. Thomas Clarke, Humphry Davy, Richard Collicott and Lieut. Thomas

\*Johnston's Hist. of Bristol and Bremen, 242.



Gardiner, under an order from the General Court\* of Massachusetts, Thomas Cox of Pemaquid took his oath as constable and also the oath of fidelity, and the following Coxes took the oath of fidelity: Jno Cock, Tho Cox, Jun, Shadrick Cox, Richard Cox, Tho Cox, W<sup>m</sup> Cox and Tho Cox. Of these it is probable that William, Thomas, Sen., and John were sons of William Cox. Shadrick and Richard may have been either sons or grandsons. Thomas Cox, Jun. and the other two Thomases were probably grandsons.

WILLIAM COX of Sagadahoc and Salem, planter, is supposed to have been a son of William of Pemaquid. This supposition is based upon the statements of Capt. Israel Cox of Bristol and the depositions of Laurence Denis† and the brothers, John and Thomas Cox‡ of Beverly.

\* Records of The Gov. and Com. of Mass. Bay, v. 17, 18. Genealogical Register, iii. 243, 244. Documentary Hist. of Maine, iv. 344, 345.

† Laurence Denis of Beverly of full age Testifieth and Saith that he formerly lived at Kenbeck river in New town and upon his certain knowledge Saith that William Cock now of Salem formerly lived upon a certain tract of Land at Sagadahock at ye mouth of Kenbeck river in ye Province of Maine for many years before ye Indian Warr, which drove him off from it about ye year : 1677. in his own right which sd land said Cock bought of one Thomas Adkins who formerly lived in these parts, And that about ye year 1686. John Cock, brother in law to ye said William Cock with his family went and lived upon the sd William Cocks land at Sagadahock until ye Indian Warr broke out again about ye year 1689. And that ye said tract of land runeth up the river Joyning upon the land of Simon Newcome

Laurence Denis

Sworn Salem July ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1699.

*Essex Deeds*, 13, 177, *York Deeds*, 6, 141.

‡ The Testimony of John Cock aged about thirty four yeares, and Thomas Cock aged about thirty one years Testifieth and Saith, that they having been long inhabitants at Sagadahock in the Province of Maine doe certainly know that William Cock now of Salem did formerly live upon a certain Tract of land at Sagadahock in the Province of Maine for many yeares before ye Indian warr, which drove him off from it about ye year 1677 in his own right, which land he bought of one Thomas Adkins who lived there as by ye Deed from said Adkins to ye sd Cock (wch we have often seen may Appear) And in or about ye year 1686 our father John Cock, with us, and ye rest of his family went and lived upon ye sd William Cocks land aforesd in ye William Cocks right untill ye Indian warr broke out again about ye year 1689. And we doe Testifie that ye bounds of the sd tract of land was always accompted to be from ye head of long cove Marsh down to ye point being about a Mile And from thence up ye River to a Creek which is ye bound betwixt ye land of Simon Newcomb and this land of Wm Cocks which he has now sold unto John Higginson Junr of Salem And from ye mouth of sd Creek up into ye woods we know not whither And that ye sd William Cock and our father in sd William Cock his right hath peaceably and quietly enjoyed ye afore mentioned parcell of land without any Claine from any person till driven off by the Indians John Cock and Thomas Cock both personally appeared before me the subscriber one of his Mats Council & Justice of ye peace and Coram in ye County of Essex & made oath to ye truth of ye above written Evidence; Ye words Wm Cock being twice enterlined at Salem: 14<sup>th</sup> Augst 1695.

Wm Browne

*Essex Deeds*, 11, 7. *York Deeds*. 6, 141.



Capt. Israel Cox was accustomed to say that the William Cox who witnessed the Indian deed to John Brown was his great-grandfather's father.\*

In a statement about his family, made in his old age to his nephew's wife and recorded by her in a family Bible, Capt. Cox said that his father was Ebenezer who was born in Beverly in 1728, and that this Ebenezer was son of Thomas and grandson of a Thomas Cox who came from England and settled in 1642 at Cox's Cove, Pemaquid harbor, where he carried on a fishing business. These statements have about the usual value of such traditions. He is correct about the names of his ancestors as far as his great-grandfather, Thomas, but that man, according to his own deposition, was not born until about twenty-two years after the date that Capt. Israel locates him at Pemaquid, and was the son of John instead of William. While it appears from Capt. Israel Cox's own statements that he did not know the name of his great-grandfather's father, yet when we consider that, with the exception of a single generation, his ancestors have been inhabitants of Pemaquid or its immediate vicinity, is it not reasonable to suppose that there was some foundation for the tradition that he was descended from the first William Cox of that place? Admitting this, then the deposition of Laurence Denis, if we allow the term "brother in law" to mean half-brother as it often did at that time, gives some reason for the supposition that William Cock of Sagadahoc was a son of William of Pemaquid. It also indicates that William Cox of Pemaquid was twice married.

We first learn of William Cox of Sagadahoc through the case of Tead against Collicott.† It appears from the testimony of the various witnesses that John Richards, William Cox and other inhabitants of the territory at the Kennebec lying within the Plymouth Patent seized a vessel owned and commanded by Joshua Tead of Charlestown, in May 1656, upon the charge of trading with the natives contrary to the patent.

William Cox had a farm on the western side of the Kennebec river which he bought of Thomas Atkins or Adkins.‡ This farm

\*Hist. Bristol and Bremen, 55, 443.

†See The Genealogical Advertiser, 1, 90.

‡Know all men by these prsence that I William Cock Sen<sup>r</sup>, now resident in Salem in the County of Essex \* \* \* formerly an Inhabitant at Saggadchock in ye Province



was at the mouth of the river at a place still called Cox's Head, in the town of Phippsburg. Before purchasing this farm Cox had probably lived farther up the river for a short time. We find an indenture, dated May 29, 1660, between "Robine Hoode alias Rawmegon" and several other Indians on one part, and Thomas Webber on the other part, conveying "all yt Tract of Land lijng on the Westerne side of Kenebecke River, over against Arousicke Island, the upper part yr of begining at a Poynt on the lower side of a Cove before the house yt was William Cocks, & soe to runne downward by the water side, to ye upper part of an Ysland, and commandy known & Called by the name

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of Main planter, for and in consideration of the Sum of fifty four pounds to me in hand paid by John Higginson Junr of Salem Mercht \* \* \* Have granted bargained and Sold \* \* \* unto ye sd John Higginson \* \* \*. A certain tract of land Cituate and Lying at or near ye mouth of Sagadehock River on ye west side of said River in ye Province of Maine containing by Estimation about thirteen hundred Acres of Upland Meadow and Salt Marsh be it more or less And being that tract of land which I ye sd William Cock bought of Thomas Atkins of Sagadehock aforesd Planter and which I lived upon many years And is bounded as followeth that is to Say, beginning at ye head of long cove Marsh down ye Cove Easterly to ye point and soe round up ye River Northerly till you come to a Creek running in from ye Main River westerly all along upon ye sd Cove and River (which sd Creek is ye bounds between ye land of Simon Newcomb & this tract of land hereby sold unto ye sd Higginson) And so up to ye head of said Creek and from thence about half a Mile into the Main land westwardly unto a great Swamp And from thence Southwardly to ye head of ye Creek which goeth down to ye head of long Cove And thence down to ye head of long cove Marsh where we began the which sd Creek is ye bound between ye land formerly in ye possession of Robt Edwards, and this tract of land hereby sold unto ye said Higginson and one Small Island lying in ye sd River against ye sd land commonly called Toms Island containing about five Acres more or less together wth the liberty of range for cattle and swine for feed upon ye land of ye sd Thomas Atkins adjoyning thereunto And all Mines Mineralls wood trees waters water courses, flats, Rights, titles priviledges profits and Appurtenances whatsoever unto the said bargained premises are any ways belonging and all the Estate right title Use propriety, Possession Claine and Demand whatsoever of me ye sd William Cock my heires Executrs Admirs or assignes of in and to ye same. \* \* \* And ye sd William Cock doth hereby Oblige himself heires Executrs Admirs and assignes to warrant and Defend the said John Higginson his heires Executrs Admirs and assignes in ye peaceable and quiet possession of ell and Singular ye bargained premises for ever, against all manner of persons laying Legall Claine thereunto or any part thereof And Mary Cock the wife of ye sd William Cock doth freely surrender up her right of Dowre of, in and to ye same as Witness their hands & Seales this twenty sixt day of July, one thousand Six hundred Ninety and three And in the fift of their Mats Reign

William Cock (seal)

In presence of us  
John Robinson Senr  
John Marston Junr

(seal)

William Cock Senr personally Appeared and Acknowledged this Instrumt to be his Act and Deed this 27<sup>th</sup> July: 1693 Before me

Benja Brown Justs peace

*Essex Deeds*, 9, 142. *York Deeds*, 6, 140.



of Cheese Ysland, & to runne into the Woods three Miles." (*York Deeds*, 3, 23.)

He was probably the freeman of that name at Pemaquid in 1674. At the same time and place he was granted a license to keep a house of "publicke enterteynement and to be provided wth necessaries for lodging, &c, accordingly, and to retajle beare, wine, & licquors" for Sagadahoc and Kennebec. (*Mass. Col. Rec.* v. 19, 20).

We learn through the deposition of Elizabeth Davis\* that he had a family, and the use of "Senr" by him in the deed conveying his farm to John Higginson indicates that he had a son William, but what became of him, his wife Mary, and his family, we are not able to state at present.

WILLIAM COX of Salem, perhaps son of the preceding, married Hannah, daughter of Andrew and Mary Woodbury of Salem, and had a daughter Mary born there July 13, 1688. We find no other record of him. Hannah Woodbury was born April 1, 1664. Hannah Cox and Elizabeth More of Salem, widows, gave a receipt, May 26, 1708, for money due them from a sale of land formerly owned by their father, Andrew Woodbury, which had been sold for the benefit of their mother, Mary Woodbury.† Hannah Cox of Salem, widow of William Cox of Salem deceased and Mary Cox, singlewoman and only child of said William and Hannah, sold, March 13, 1720-21, their undivided common rights in Salem.‡

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\*Elizabeth Davis of Beverly aged about Sixty four years testifieth & Saith that She lived wth her father Thomas Adkins at Saggadehook in ye Province of Main for about twelve years till She married away from him & I do Certainly Know yt my said Father Thomas Adkins did Sell unto William Cox a Considerable quantity of Land lying to ye westward of Saggadehook River at ye mouth of said River Called Coxes head and run up to ye head of Long Cove to a Creek there & Runs up ye River to ye next Neighbors & I do very well Remember yt William Cox & his family lived upon Said land for many Years and have been at his house Several times while he lived there & after he was driven off Said Land by ye Indians about thirty four years since and after ye peace one John Cox came & build on Said Land for Several Years till he was also Driven off by ye Indians as She was Informed

Eliza Davis her mark

Elizabeth Davis personally Appeared before us ye subscribers & made oath to the truth of the abovesd Evidence Salem July 25 1709 to Remain in perpetuum rei memoriam

John Hathorn  
Jos; Wolcott

Just: peace  
Quor unus

*Essex Deeds*, 27, 262.

†*Essex Deeds*, 20, 141.

‡*Essex Deeds*, 39, 51.



1. John<sup>2</sup> Cox (*William<sup>1</sup>*?), "Brother in law" of William Cox of Sagadahoc, was born, probably at Pemaquid, before 1640. He, with his son John, Laurence Denis and others, received a grant of land for a township on the southern end of Arrowsic Island in the mouth of the Kennebec River from Sir Edmund Andros, Sept. 6, 1679, they having been "Driven from Their Howses in this River and Partes Adjacent".\* About 1686 he moved to the farm of William Cox at Cox's Head, and remained there three years. The deposition of his sons John and Thomas indicate that he had other children whom we are not able to trace. Children:
  - i. Johns, b. about 1661.
  - ii. Thomas, b. about 1664; m. Hannah -----.
2. Thomas<sup>3</sup> Cox (*John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*), son of John of Sagadahoc, was born about 1664. He was a mariner. About 1689 he settled in Beverly. His widow Hannah was appointed administratrix of his estate Feb. 6, 1710. In 1711 she sold three acres of land to her son Thomas, and the balance of the estate was divided in 1733, Thomas receiving a double share as oldest son. Their children were:
  3. i. Thomas, bapt. June 8, 1690 at Beverly; m. 1st, Judith Elliot, 2nd, Mary Woodbury.
  - ii. Elizabeth, bapt. June 8, 1690 at Beverly.
  - iii. Richard, bapt. Aug. 14, 1692; drowned 1746.
  - iv. Hannah, bapt. July 28, 1695 at Beverly.
  - v. John, bapt. July 17, 1698 at Beverly.
  4. vi. William, bapt. April 18, 1703 at Beverly; m. Sarah Trask.
3. Thomas<sup>4</sup> Cox (*Thomas,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*), was bapt. June 8, 1690. He was a mariner and lived in Beverly. He married 1st, Judith Elliot, Dec. 15, 1709, who d. April 19, 1718. He married 2nd, June 21, 1727, Mary<sup>4</sup> Woodbury (Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>). He died Nov. 5, 1738. His will, dated Sept. 21, 1738, makes wife Mary executrix, mentions daughter Judith Phelps, gives two shares to son Ebenezer and one share each to the other children. Children:
  - i. Judith<sup>5</sup>, m. Jonathan Phelps.
  - Children by second marriage:
  - ii. Ebenezer, b. June 27, 1728; bapt. Aug. 25, 1728.
  - iii. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 22, 1730.
  - iv. Lydia, bapt. May 16, 1731.
  - v. Thomas, b. May 7, 1733; bapt. July 29, 1733.
  - vi. Israel, b. Dec. 16, 1736; bapt. May 15, 1737.
  - vii. Lucy b. Feb. 22, 1738-9; bapt. May 13, 1739.

\*Doct. Hist. Maine iv. 386-388.



4. William<sub>4</sub> Cox (*Thomas, 3 John, 2 William<sup>1</sup>*), bapt. April 18, 1703; married Sarah Trask, Nov. 9, 1721; died Dec. 23, 1761. She married second Samuel Woodbury, Jan. 22, 1764. Children:
- i. William,<sub>5</sub> b. Dec. 7, 1721.
  - ii. Thomas, b. March 16, 1724-5.
  - iii. Edward, b. July 9, 1727.
  - iv. Deborah, bapt. Jan. 4, 1730.
  - v. Hannah, bapt. June 25, 1732.
  - vi. Richard, bapt. Dec. 28, 1735.
  - vii. William, bapt. Jan. 7, 1739.
  - viii. Deborah, bapt. Jan. 11, 1741.
  - ix. Osman, bapt. May 13, 1744.
5. Ebenezer<sub>5</sub> Cox (*Thomas, 4 Thomas, 3 John, 2 William<sup>1</sup>*), born in Beverly June 27, 1728; married 1st Ruth Hayward of Beverly, Dec. 14, 1749; she died Sept. 11, 1750; married 2nd in 1754, Lydia<sub>6</sub> Woodbury (Hugh,<sub>5</sub> William,<sub>4</sub> Thomas,<sub>3</sub> Humphrey,<sub>2</sub> John<sup>1</sup>); she died April 7, 1775, and he married 3rd Sarah (Erskine) Dickey, daughter of Alexander Erskine and widow of John Dickey, at Bristol, Maine, Dec. 25, 1775. He was a mariner. He lived at Beverly, Falmouth, Me. and Bristol, Me. He died in July, 1795. Children were:
- 6. i. Israel<sub>6</sub>, b. at Falmouth, Me., Oct. 5, 1755.
  - ii. Ruth, b. July 21, 1757. m. Alexander Erskine in 1776.
  - iii. Thomas, b. Oct. 22, 1759.
  - 7. iv. Hugh, b. Oct. 22, 1759.
  - v. Ebenezer, b. March 19, 1762. Minister. Lived at Hope, Me.
  - vi. Lydia, b. March 19, 1762; m. Alexander Greenlaw, March 16, 1789; d. Oct. 27, 1850.
  - vii. Judith, b. Aug. 15, 1764; m. ——— Fickett.
  - viii. William, March 12, 1767.
  - ix. Simon, b. July 5, 1769. Minister. Lived at Hope, Me.
  - x. Betsey; b. July 9, 1772; m. Luke Staples.
- Children by third wife :
- 8. xi. Alexander, b. 1776.
  - xii. Robert, m. Jane Thompson, May 27, 1802.
  - xiii. George, b. about 1779.
  - xiv. John, b. May 1, 1781; m. 1st Cynthia Church, July 14, 1804, 2nd Elizabeth Church, July 26, 1812.
6. Israel<sub>6</sub> Cox (*Ebenezer, 5 Thomas, 4 Thomas, 3 John, 2 William<sup>1</sup>*), was for many years a prominent man in Bristol, Me. Early in life he became a master mariner, and was afterwards always honored with the title of Captain. He served the town many years as selectman, and was highly esteemed by his townsmen. Captain Cox was well read in the history of Maine, and took considerable interest in local historical matters, which fact adds strength to his statement that he



## FIRST REUNION OF THE COX FAMILY.

The first reunion of the Cox family was held in the old mansion house of Captain Henry Cox at Cox's Corner, Mattapan, Mass., on Saturday, October 2, 1897. Miss Emily D. Cox, a granddaughter of Captain Henry Cox, was the hostess, and nearly seventy-five persons (most of whom were descendants of Robert Cox, who died in Boston, in 1733) were present on this very pleasant occasion. Interesting addresses were made by Rev. John H. Cox, of Lexington, Dr. Gardner Cox, of Holyoke, Edwin Birchard Cox, of Brookline, and Eward J. Cox, of the Lowell School of Boston, relating the history of the early families of this name in New England. Photographs of places of historic interest to the family were on exhibition, and an interesting relic was presented to the association by William Prescott Greenlaw, of Cambridge. This was a receipt given by the treasurer of "the state of the Massachusetts bay" to Thomas Cox in 1777, promising to repay fifty pounds seventeen shillings loaned "for the use and service of the state." Among those present were Mrs. Hannah D. Cox, ninety-six years of age, the mother of the hostess, and Mr. Thomas E. Cox, eighty-four years of age, of Wakefield. A committee was appointed to perfect a family organization on a permanent basis, for the purpose of having annual reunions and publishing a history of the family.



## ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM COX, OF PEMAQUID.

A search in the records of Bristol and vicinity in England is being made for the ancestry of William Cox of Pemaquid, who is known to have come from that region. For this purpose about fifty dollars have been pledged by members of the family, but this amount is not sufficient to prosecute the search to a successful issue. As there is a possibility of finding some will which mentions the children of William Cox of Pemaquid — thus supplying what is lacking in our records here — it is very important that this search be continued now. An appeal is made to the members of the family to support this undertaking by immediate contributions for this purpose. Any amount will be gratefully received and a list of the contributors, with the amounts given, will be printed in a future number of this series.

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was descended from William Cox of Pemaquid. He married Jane, daughter of Robert Given, in 1787. They lived at Brown's Cove in Bristol, upon a portion of the land which John Brown purchased of the Indian sagamores, and not far from the place where the first William Cox settled in 1625. Capt. Israel Cox, "A Revolutionary Soldier," died April 3, 1850 (*Gravestone*). His wife died May 24, 1827, æ. 73.

- i. Arthur,<sup>7</sup> born, Sept. 1 1789; d. April 15 1828; m Nancy Elliot Feb. 19 1819. She m. 2 Samuel Fossett and died Jan. 15 1871 æ. 80 y. 8 mo.
  - ii. William, born, Aug. 12 1791; d. June 1, 1855 m. Rachel Fuller 1821; she died Oct. 10 1841, æ. 45 y. 8 m.
  - iii. Jenny born Jan 7, 1795; d. Dec. 2 1884, æ. 90 yrs. m. Capt. Simon Elliott 1821. He died May 8, 1851, æ. 56½ y.
  - iv. Alexander Greenlaw, born —————
7. Hugh<sup>6</sup> Cox (*Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), was born at Falmouth, Oct. 22, 1759; m. Mary daughter of Solomon Dunbar of Newcastle, Me., and settled in Hallowell. Children:
- i. Mary,<sup>7</sup>b. May 2 1800.
  - ii. Emma Jane, b. Jan. 27, 1802.
  - iii. Lucinda, b. Feb. 1805.
  - iv. Clarisse, b. Jan 28, 1807.
  - v. George Thomas, b. Oct. 16, 1813.
  - vi. Nancy Glidden, b. June 23, 1816.
8. Alexander<sup>6</sup> Cox (*Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), born at Bristol, Me., in 1776, was a ship carpenter. He married, 1st, Sept. 30, 1802, Ruth Howland, 2nd, Margaret Howland, sister of his first wife, March 16, 1813. He died in the early part of 1825, and his widow died a few months later. Children:
- i. Thurza, b. 1805, at Bristol; m. Hugh Gordon; d. in Kansas.
  - ii. Alexander, b. 1807, at Bristol; d. at Savannah, Ga., Sept. 1840.
  - iii. Roxana, b. July 29, 1808, at Bristol; m. Elijah Crocket, of Rockland, Me.; d. at Rockland, July 1, 1872.
  - iv. Adriel, b. July 16, 1810, at Bristol; m. Katherine Ulmer of Rockland; d. Mar. 23, 1889. Adopted by James Fales, and name changed to Fales.
  - v. George, b. May 13, 1812, at Bristol.  
By second wife.
  - vi. Elizabeth, b. 1814, at Bristol; m. Samuel Richards of Eden, Me.; d. April 29, 1883.
  - vii. Emily, b. 1816, at Bristol; m. Cephus Crockett.
  - viii. Isaac, b. 1823, at Waldo, Me; lost overboard from the ship Gerrick in the Irish Channel.
9. George<sup>7</sup> Cox (*Alexander*,<sup>6</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>5</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>4</sup> *Thomas*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), born at Bristol, Me., May 13, 1812, was a master mariner. He married Eliza Arm, daughter of



- Thomas and Betsey (Sproul) Fossett of Bristol, March 14, 1839. He died Dec. 27, 1895. Children, all born in Bristol:
- i. Arthur<sup>8</sup> b. Mar. 21, 1840; m. Dec. 22, 1881, Mary Elizabeth Morton, and resides in Bristol.
  - ii. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Mar. 3, 1843; d. Feb. 1, 1845.
  - 10. iii. George, Feb. 23, 1845.
  - iv. Maria A., b. Sept. 23, 1848.
  - v. Rockie Ella, b. Dec. 1, 1850; m. Aug. 28, 1872, Capt. John E. Yates, of Bristol; d. Jan. 1, 1888.
  - 10. George<sup>8</sup> Cox, Jr. (*Capt. George,<sup>7</sup> Alexander,<sup>6</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>5</sup> Thomas,<sup>4</sup> Thomas,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*), born Feb. 23, 1848, was educated at Lincoln Academy, Newcastle, Me., is an accountant and resides in Malden, Mass. He married at Malden, Jan. 27, 1876, Adelle Rose, daughter of Alton and Mary Jane (Studley) Burkett. Children, all born in Malden:
    - i. Ernestine Yates,<sup>9</sup> b. Dec. 19, 1876.
    - ii. George Ralph, b. Jan. 8, 1878.
    - iii. Bertrand Elvin, b. Mar. 18, 1880.
    - iv. Adelle Marian, b. April 2, 1883.
    - v. Kenneth Cleveland, b. Oct. 23, 1887.
    - vi. Malcolm, b. Dec. 12, 1891.

1. JOHN COX makes a deposition\* in Boston, Sept. 18, 1736, which fixes several points in his life story. He deposes that he

\* "John Cock aged about Seventy Eight years declares and says that he was born at the Eastward parts of New England on the Eastern Side of Kennebeck River and lived there till he was driven away by the Indians about the year 1676 But while he lived there, he very well knew a man Called Mr Elbridge but does not well remember his Christian name but he was a small man in Stature That sd Elbridge Lived at Pemmaquid & was Accounted one of the Princepall men in them Parts and that he has often Seen sd Elbridge at his fathers house that he also well remembers that Richard Paddishall who used the Coasting trade had an Island on sd Kennebeck River on which Island he lived for many years & his father before him which Island Was Called Paddishale's Island and that he never heard sd Paddishall Laid any Claim or Pretended any right to Damares Cove Island till Since the last Indian Warr. That he well remembers that one Trick one Hunnewell one Soward & Richard Reading lived on sd Damares Cove Island and had been old Settlers there & that, about Sixty years agoe the Declarant went a fishing from sd Island & well remembers that there were Seven fishing Boats that Continually used sd Place and that he never heard that any of the aforesd Persons ever pretended any right thereto but only Used it as a fishing Place which they Esteemed free for any Person That he never knew or heard that the aforesd Richd Paddishall ever Lived on said Damare's Cove Island Butt he well remembers that Said Richd Paddeshall Carried his family from sd Island in Kennebeck River to Pemmaquid where he was killed as he afterwards Heard Boston Sept 18 1736

his  
JOHN X COCK  
mark

Suffolk ss. Boston Sept 17 1836 John Cock appearing Made oath to the truth of the above Declaration by him Subscribed taken in Perpetuum rei memoriam Before Samuel Checkley Just Pacis Wm. Tyler Quorum Unus  
— Cells. Maine Hist. Soc., Vol. 5, p. 237.



is about 78 years of age, therefore he was born about 1658. He says that he was born at the eastward part of New England, and on the eastern side of the Kennebec River. At this early date (1658) almost the entire English settlement east of the Kennebec was known as Pemaquid. He further states that he remembers well that he went fishing from Damares Cove Island "about Sixty years agoe," or about the year 1676, when he would have been 18 years of age. Here on the eastern side of the Kennebec, he says that he lived until he was driven away by the Indians about the year 1676. It would seem altogether probable that this man was a son or grandson of William, who witnessed the deed of Pemaquid 1625, but the proofs are not yet discovered. It is possible, though not probable, that he may have been the oath-taking freeman of 1674. He was at that time about 16 years of age. There was however, an older man by the name of John Cox at Pemaquid, at this time.

An autograph letter\* requesting the loan of 5 pounds, discovered in the account book of Capt. John Hull, and now in possession of the New-England Historic Genealogical Society, Somerset St., Boston, was perhaps the work of the older man, as John Cox of Dorchester signs with his mark in 1736. This letter, by the way, affords us the earliest specimen of the handwriting of the New England Cox family.

John Cox died in Dorchester, Mass., Nov. 23, 1742, in the 85th year of his age,† which would make him born as above about 1658. At what date he came to Dorchester is not known. He appears there as the husband of Susanna,‡ the daughter of

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\*Captin Hull, Sir: Theze with my most humble service to you with many thanks for all your love and favor. Sir, I doe humbly intreat you to Doe me the favor as to lone me five ponds in money for I have Received a Letter from Mohegen to Bring a comodaty with me which I shall Better than Duble my money in fust with god willing at my Return to boston you shall have wch I hope will be in lese than one months time.

Sir: the Barcke has lost me 10 ponds more for her fitting then I did think of: and my employers money will just pay for it: that makes me so bold to intreat this favor of you and Knowing self so much oblidged to you ahead. Dose on inbolding me the more to Beeg this kindness and it will be a greate help to me you for your former kindness and this shall oblige me to make your satisfaction. soe leaving you to the protection of mity god I wrest but not Remain from being yours to serfe.

piscadque 9 of April 1679

John Cox.

†Rec. Commis. Report, Vol. 21, p. 139.

‡In the "Order for settling the houses and lands of John Pope of Dorchester, dece'd, upon his son Ralph Pope," April 4, 1700, "Susanna Cox, wife of John Cox," is one of the heirs.—"The Pope Family," pp. 82-3.



John and Margaret, and his first five children were baptized in the First Church on the same day, March 5, 1692-3. "thes (5) wer ye children of Susanna Cock ye daughter of goody pope, She having owned the covenant\*." Susanna, singularly named Susanna *Pope* at this date, owned the covenant and was baptized May 29, 1692.

In view of these facts and the absence of any other dates, it is probable that John and Susanna were married about 1680-85. John and his wife occupied seat No. 7 in the meeting-house of the First Dorchester Church, according to the "new seating" adopted May 10, 1698.

The date of Susanna's death is not recorded, but the records tell us that Christian, the wife of John Cox, died in Dorchester, Dec. 17, 1721, and from the town records of Salem, we learn that John Cox married Christian Milliken in that town Nov. 6, 1712.

John Cox, "fisherman," buys April 4, 1721, of the selectmen of Dorchester, a piece of common and undivided land about two acres situated on Squantum Neck, bounded southerly and easterly by the Sea and northerly by the land of Widow Pope.†

John Cox of Dorchester, "shoreman and fisherman," with wife Rebecca, disposes of land and fish-house on Squantum Neck, adjoining the premises of the Pope family, "excepting house built by son Joseph," May 5, 1736.‡

It would thus appear that John Cox was three times married, and that his children were all by his first wife, Susanna Pope; the last child being born not later than 1705. Susanna died between 1705 and 1712. Christian died Dec. 17, 1721. Of Rebecca, John's third wife, we have no further knowledge. The mention of a providential escape from death by Indians of a Mr. Cox, from Dorchester, in 1725, probably refers to John.

As to the number and names of the children, the records of the Church and town are delightfully obscure. They frequently mention them as "the grandchildren of our Sister, the Widow Pope," thus making it next to impossible to distinguish them from the children of Thomas Cox, who married Mary Pope, the sister of Susanna. The historian of the Pope family fittingly

\*Rec. First Church, Dorchester, Sec. 226.

†*Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 35, p. 138.

‡*Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 106, p. 278.



says (p. 86) "The Historian of the Cox Family must wrestle with the problem whether any of these 'grandchildren of Sister Pope' were Thomas and Mary's offspring, or whether all filled the quiver of John and Susanna."

After manifold wrestlings, the children of John and Susanna (Pope) Cox, as gathered from the Church and town records, appear to be as follows:

- i. Margaret, bap. Mar. 5, 1692-3
- ii. Mary, " " " "
- iii. Sarah, " " " "
- 2. iv. John, " " " "
- v. Thankful, " " " "
- 3. vi. William, b. May 27, bap. June 24, 1694.
- vii. James, bap. April 18, 1696.
- 4. viii. Ebenezer, bap. May 10, 1696.
- ix. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 27, 1697, bap. 26, 7, 1697.
- 5. x. Thomas, bap. 9, 3m, 1698.
- xi. Susanna, b. Nov. 29, 1698, bap. April 9, 1699, m. Nov. 30, 1722, Enoch Wiswell.
- 6. xii. Joseph, b. April 8, bap. Aug. 4, 1700.
- xiii. Submit, b. Sept. 20, bap. 28, 1 m, 1703, m. June 12, 1725, Thomas Maudsley, Jr.
- xiv. Benjamin, bap. 1, 2m, 1705.

2. John<sup>2</sup> Cox (John<sup>1</sup>), or "Capt." John, "Junior," was the son of John and Susanna (Pope) Cox of Dorchester, Mass. He was probably born as early as 1688.. The first recorded event in his life which has come to our notice is that of his baptism which took place together with the baptism of four sisters in the First Church, Dorchester, March 5, 1692-3.

He married Dec. 11, 1712, Tabitha, the daughter of Ebenezer Davenport, who was born May 3, 1688. The marriage occurred in Dorchester, the Rev. John Danforth officiating. John and his wife "laid hold on ye covenant" Aug. 9, 1713. They continued to reside in Dorchester, where most of their children were born, until 1729, when they removed to Falmouth, Maine. Here John was received into citizenship in the place of Thomas Cox, perhaps his deceased uncle. John received several grants of land in the town, some of which included what is now the corner of Middle and Pearl Streets, Portland, Maine. Portions of this property remained in the possession of John's descendants till a very recent date. Capt. John<sup>2</sup> Cox is the ancestor of what may be called "the old line" of Portland Coxes, and through his son, Capt. John<sup>3</sup>, of a line of this name centering in Conwallis, N. S., and from that point extending back in several branches into New England. Capt. John<sup>2</sup> engaged in the fishing



business, and while on a trip to Pemaquid Falls, near his ancestral home, lost his life in a conflict with the Indians, May 22, 1747. A single sentence from Drake's narrative of the incident gives us a hint of the character of the man. "All retreated except Capt. John Cox, who stood his ground and was killed."\*

Capt. Joseph Cox, the brother of Capt. John, who was himself a resident of Falmouth at this time, was also killed. The two Coxes, John and Joseph, are said to be cousins of the late Capt. Israel Cox, of Bristol, Maine.†

If first cousins, then their fathers were brothers, and John of Dorchester, the father of Capt. John and Capt. Joseph, and husband of Susanna Pope, was the son of Thomas, who was baptized in Beverly, June 8, 1690. But this baptism seems to have taken place in infancy, since Thomas's own children were not born until twenty years later. There appears to be the loss of a generation involved in Johnston's statement.

The children of Capt. John and Tabitha (Davenport) Cox were :

- i. James, b. Sept. 11, bap. Sept. 13, 1713, d. Feb. 25, 1717-18.
  - ii. Josiah, b. June 28, bap. July 3, 1715.
  - iii. Tabitha, b. Feb. 14, 1717-18; m. at Falmouth, Feb. 3, 1736, Joshua Moody.
  - iv. John, b. Aug. 3, 1719.
  - v. Dorcas, b. June 17, 1721, m. April 1, 1739, Enoch Wood.
  - vi. James, b. June 17, bap. July 21, 1723; m. 1745, Catharine Grant, d. 1796.
  - vii. Esther, bap. Jan. 9, 1725-6; m. Dec. 9, 1744, Joshua Bracket, Jr.
  - viii. Mercy, or Martha, bap. Nov. 9, 1729, m. Joseph Bailey, Jr.
  - ix. Thankful, m. 1st, Samuel Hodgkins; 2d, Pogue.
3. William<sup>2</sup> Cox (John<sup>1</sup>) was the second son of John and Susanna (Pope) Cox, born at Dorchester, May 22, baptized June 24, 1694, and "laid hold on ye Covenant" November 25, 1715-16. He married Feb. 9, 1716, Thankful Maudsley, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Maudsley. He was a captain of infantry at the taking of Louisburg in 1758, and received as reward for his services a grant of land at Mt. Desert. William was a weaver by occupation, and with his wife Thankful, was living in Lynn, in 1740-51.‡ Their children were :

\*Drake's French and Indian Wars, p. 145.

†Johnston's Hist., Bristol, Bremen, and Pemaquid, p. 295.

‡Suffolk Deeds, Vol. 67, p. 169; Vol. 80, p. 25.



- i. Samuel, b. Nov. 4; bap. Dec. 2, 1716.
  - ii. Susanna, b. Feb. 21; bap. March 1, 1719.
  - iii. William, b. June 29; bap. Sept. 3, 1721.
  - iv. Unite, b. Sept. 6; bap. Sept. 29, 1723.
  - v. Rebecca, b. Jan. 17; bap. Jan. 25, 1725-6.
  - vi. Thankful, b. Nov. 3, 1729, at Hingham, Mass.
  - vii. Rhoda, b. Feb. 26, 1731-2.
  - viii. Jesse, b. Nov. 2; bap. Nov. 17, 1734.
  - ix. Lemuel, b. 1736.
  - x. Phebe, d. at Malden, Dec. 30, 1790.
4. Ebenezer<sup>2</sup> Cox (John<sup>1</sup>), of Dorchester, "Son of Goodman Cock, whose wife is daughter to sister Pope," baptized May 10, 1696, married Thankful, daughter of Ebenezer and Dorcas Davenport, Nov. 26, 1719. She was admitted to full communion in the First Church, Dorchester, Jan. 8, 1727, and died Dec. 8, 1751. Ebenezer died Oct. 7, 1753. "He fell, or pitched, out of a canoe near ye wharf in Dorchester, and was drowned." By occupation he was a cooper. Children :
- i. Mary, b. Nov. 2; bap. Nov. 11, 1722.
  - ii. Ebenezer, b. Mar. 13; bap. Mar. 26, 1725-6.
  - iii. Christian, b. Mar. 1; bap. Mar. 3, 1727-8; d. Oct. 12, 1729.
  - iv. Christian, b. Mar. 1; bap. Mar. 8, 1729-30.
  - v. Dorcas, b. Aug. 19; bap. Aug. 26, 1733.
  - vi. John, b. July 29; bap. Aug. 7, 1737.
  - vii. Benjamin, b. Nov. 3; bap. Nov. 9, 1740.
5. Thomas<sup>2</sup> Cox (John<sup>1</sup>) of Dorchester, was the son of John<sup>1</sup> and "grandchild of our Sister, ye Widow Pope," and so by wife Susanna (Pope) Cox. He was born Aug. 22, 1697, laid hold on the covenant July 21, 1723, married Hepzibath Davenport, daughter of Ebenezer and Dorcas Davenport, July 26, 1722. His children were :
- i. Hepzibath, b. Aug. 15; bap. Aug. 18, 1723.
  - ii. Sarah, b. Apr. 1, 1725.
  - iii. Ann, b. Aug. 22, 1726; bap. Aug. 29, 1726.
6. Joseph<sup>2</sup> Cox (John<sup>1</sup>) was born in Dorchester, April 8, baptized Aug. 4, 1700. He was called "Captain," though for what reason we have not learned. He married Nov. 29, 1722, Elizabeth Blakman. Elizabeth "laid hold on ye Covenant" Apr. 5, 1724. Captain Joseph moved to Falmouth, Me., and was killed by the Indians at Pemaquid at the same time with his brother John, in 1747.\* His children were :
- i. Abigail, b. 31, 1722-3; m. Apr. 2, 1741, William Pettee.

\*Drake's French and Indian Wars, p. 145.



- ii. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 11; bap. Aug. 16, 1724.
- iii. Joseph, b. Sept. 2d; bap. Sept. 11, 1726.
- iv. Benjamin, b. Feb. 14; bap. Mar. 10, 1727-8.
- v. Lemuel, b. May 29, 1733; m. May 24, 1755, Martha Stevens.

7. Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> Cox (Ebenezer,<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Ebenezer and Thankful (Davenport) Cox, born March 13, baptized March 26, 1725-6. He married first, Anna, the daughter of Samuel and Sarah Scott. He married second, Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan and Jemima Wright, of Wrentham, April 2, 1754. He had three children by his first wife, and six by the second. From this man and his brother Benjamin are descended branches of the family scattered throughout New England and the Middle States, to be noticed in future numbers. Ebenezer moved from Dorchester to Wrentham, and thence to Hardwick, Vermont, about 1760. He was a currier by trade,\* and later a distinguished officer during the French War. His name is borne on muster rolls as lieutenant in 1757, and captain in 1758-1762. He died March 2, 1768, aged 41, and his patriotism and valor are commemorated by the following lines on his headstone in the old cemetery at Hardwick, Vermont:

"Beneath this stone a noble captain's laid,  
Which for his king and Country was displayed,  
His courage that no terrors could disarm,  
Nor, when he faced ye foe, his fears alarm.  
But now he's conquer'd, and ye silent grave  
Can boast that power ye French could never have.  
Under his care his soldiers were secure,  
Equal with them all hardships he'd endure.  
In six campayns intrepid took ye field,  
Nor to ye Gallic power would ever yield.  
At last he's gone; we hope where wars do cease  
To spend a whole eternity in peace."

Ebenezer's family consisted of the following children:

- i. Ebenezer, b. July 5, 1750; d. Sept. 20, 1750.
- ii. Samuel Scott, b. —; d. Nov. 10, 1751.
- iii. Samuel Scott, b. May 3, d. Sept. 8, 1753.
- iv. Anna, b. Mar. 13, 1755; m. Mar. 15, 1773, Nathan Carpenter, of Hardwick. 2 children.
- v. Elizabeth, b. Sep. 13, 1757; m. Feb. 8, 1781, James Byram; d. Mar. 31, 1813.
- vi. Sarah, b. Feb. 4, 1759; d. Sept. 2, 1808; unmarried.
- vii. Jemima, b. Nov. 10, 1761; m. Feb. 4, 1783, Noah Hatch; 3 children.
- viii. John Davenport, b. Mar. 24, 1765.
- ix. Hannah, b. April 2, 1767; m. Sept. 5, 1790, Elishim Fay; 4 children.

\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 97, p. 188.



## ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF WILLIAM COX OF PEMAQUID.

A search in the records of Bristol and vicinity in England is being made for the ancestry of William Cox of Pemaquid, who is known to have come from that region. For this purpose about fifty dollars have been pledged by members of the family, but this amount is not sufficient to prosecute the search to a successful issue. As there is a possibility of finding some will which mentions the children of William Cox of Pemaquid—thus supplying what is lacking in our records here—it is very important that this search be continued now. An appeal is made to members of the family to support this undertaking by immediate contributions for this purpose. Any amount will be gratefully received and a list of the contributors, with the amounts given, will be printed in future numbers of this series.

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1. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> COX (William<sup>1</sup>) is first brought to our attention as one of the eight Coxes who took the oath of freemen at Pemaquid, July 27, 1674.\* He appears to have been a man of some quality among his townsmen, and Oct. 7th of the same year is qualified as Constable.†

Among the material unused by Prof. Johnston in his work, "History of Bristol, Bremen, and Pemaquid," has been discovered a "Return of the Survey of Marsh and Upland to Thomas Cox, Sr." dated 1686.‡

2. Thomas<sup>3</sup> Cox, Jr. (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) Took oath as freeman with his father at Pemaquid, July 22, 1674. He is called "Fisherman." In Boston "ye 29th of September 1675," he acknowledges indebtedness to Daniel Davidson to the amount of four pounds.§ At this point the family of

\*N. E. Cox Families, No. 1, p. 3.

†Records of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, Vol. 5, p. 116.

‡ ber. ye 13 1686

The return of the Survey of Marsh and Upland laid out to Thomas Cox Sen<sup>r</sup> lying and being in the Southerly side of King's Bridge and adjoining to the same beginning at a Spruce marked on four sides standing by the above said Bridge and extending twenty Poles to a stake that goes to the above said Cox and Penaller and from thence East South East to a Spruce marked on four Sides which goes to the Upland of the above said Cox and Penaller standing in the Woods three hundred Poles and from thence North North East twenty Poles to the Path Side that leads to Newharbor and from thence back to the marked Tree by the Bridge West South West three hundred Poles—with one acre and a half Salt Marsh in a Cove called Sandy Cove on the South Side of the Creek the Rest of the Marsh where it may be found most convenient where it is not taken up already.

Surveyed and laid out for

[On the Back] Land for  
Thomas Cox to be patented

Mr. (Guiles?) Goddard.

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Tract.

§Know all Men by these Presents That I Thomas Cox Jr., of Pemaquid, in New England, Fisherman, do acknowledge myself and my Heirs and Assigns to owe and be justly indebted to Daniel Davidson of Charlestown, his Heirs and Assigns, the full and just sum of four Pounds of Current Money of New England to be paid to the said Davidson, his Heirs, Executors or Assigns, upon demand, and to the true Performance of which, I bind me, my Heirs, Executors and Assigns in the Penal Sum of Eight Pounds in Money, as Witness my Hand and Seal.

The mark of  
Thomas C Cox & Seal

Dated Boston, ye 29th Sept. 1675  
Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in presence of  
Nath'l Bishop      Returne White

This Bill is the Ball. of his Acct. which he owed to the estate of my father, and my Brother Lyndes is intrusted in one third part. Lincoln SS.

Rec'd. Sept. 23, 1766, and accordingly entered and examined by

Thos. Rice, Regr.

Lincoln SS Registry of Deeds,

A true copy

(Attest) James H. Varney Regr.

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Thomas Cox disappears, unless they are to be identified with a Boston Family of the same name. About this time trouble with the Indians compelled the Pemaquid settlers to seek asylum in the more westerly settlements. Thomas may have gone to Boston with his family, where his father may have lived for a period before him.\*

Thomas Cox, possibly Thomas<sup>3</sup>, had wife Martha and children, born or recorded in Boston, as follows:

- i. Margaret, b. Nov. 3, 1671.
- 4. ii. Thomas, b. Mar. 24, 1673.
- iii. Jacob, b. Jan. 4, 1677.
- 4. Thomas<sup>4</sup> Cox (Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), born Mar. 24, 1673, had wife Sarah, and children born in Boston and baptized in the Old South Church, as follows: [O. S. Ch. Records.]
- i. Sarah, b. Feb. 27; bap. Mar. 6, 1697.
- ii. Mary, b. Nov. 19; bap. Nov. 26, 1699.
- iii. Thomas, b. Oct. 6, 1701; bap. Oct. 12, 1702.
- iv. John, b. Apr. 20; bap. Apr. 23, 1704-5.
- v. Jacob, b. Dec. 23, 1706.
- 5. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Cox (Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 6, 1701; bap. in the Old South Church, Boston, Oct. 12, 1702; married, Oct. 30, 1718, Elizabeth Gord [Boston Records]. Their children were:
- i. Thomas, b. Aug. 31, 1719.
- ii. John, b. Dec. 11, 1721.
- iii. James, b. Jan. 20, 1723.
- iv. Mary, b. Aug. 15, 1726.
- v. William, b. Nov. 11, 1728.
- vi. Joseph, b. Jan. 24, 1731; d. inf.
- vii. Joseph, b. Mar. 22, 1732.
- viii. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 9, 1735.

SHADRACK COX. The name appears as one of the Pemaquid oathtakers of July 22, 1674, and beyond this fact little is certainly known of the man.

In the "Burgess Book" of the city of Bristol, Eng., may be found the following entry:

(fo. 7. ent 1651-62)

1651—October—14<sup>th</sup> day. Shidracke Cox, Carpenter, is admitted in to the Lists: of the Cittie for that he married Alice, the daughter of John Hendris. Xd 2.. 6.

\*Thomas Cox witnessed the Will of Elizabeth Bitfield, dated 11 mo. 1663.—*N. E. Hist. and Gen. Reg.* Vol. 20, p. 240.

John Cox, the son of Thomas with consent of his sister Martha binds himself an apprentice to John Alden Jr, Mariner, Dec. 5, 1689.—*Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 16, p. 54



A deed\* given by John Brown, Sr., of Pemaquid, to Daniel Davidson of Charlestown, dated Oct. 25, 1670, is witnessed by William Cox and "Shadwath Fox." This latter name sounds suspiciously like Shadrack Cox at that distance.

The account book of Capt. John Hull of Boston contains the following unsettled account.

"Shadrack Cox of Pemaquid Dr.

1671. 21. 11. to Hatts & tassata† 2. 16.

In a list of names of Coxes who signed wills in Bristol, Eng., the early home of the Pemaquid Family, we find that of "Sydrack Cox" in the year 1708. Perhaps he got out with the Indians and went home to his wife's folks.

RICHARD COX, the last of the Pemaquid men whom we shall notice, was also one of the freemen who took oath in 1674.

Richard Cox of "Winchlye," 33 years of age, was an emigrant "out of the Pourt of Plimmouth," for St. Christopher's in 1634.‡

John Pierce became surety for "Richard Cockee," a weaver and his family in Boston, in 1685.§

\*This indenture made the twenty-fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventy, between John Brown sen. of Pemaquid mason of the one part and Daniel Davison of Charlestown in the Massachusetts Merchant on the other Part Witnesseth that the said John Brown hath given and granted, and by these Presents doth give and grant unto the said Daniel Davison that Part of his Lease on which the aforesaid Dan'l hath builded an House with twelve feet of Ground all round his House being against the Cove commonly known or called by the Name of Indian Cove at New Harbor in Pemaquid.

To have and to hold the same Parts of Land with all the Privileges and Appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said Daniel Davison his Heirs and Assigns forever without any molestation or trouble from by or under the aforesaid John Brown his Heirs or Assigns either in the Indian trade or any other way, but the said Daniel and his Assigns Quietly and freely to enjoy it with all the Appurtenances thereto belonging for his owne forever.

In Witness of the Truth I have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written

The  
Jno B. Brown  
mark of

of Pemaquid Mason interlined before signed

In presence of us — William Cox — Shadwath Fox. Lincoln ss.

Received Sept. 28. 1766, & accordingly entered & examined

by Thos Rice, Regr

Lincoln Registry of Deeds.

A true copy, Attest: James H. Varney Reg

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†Taffety, a sort of silk.—*Phillips' Dictionary*.

‡ *Hotten's Original Lists*, p. 153.

§ *Record Commissioner's Report*.



The name "Richard" is common among the Beverly descendants of Thomas<sup>3</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup>, and may indicate kinship.

#### NOTES.

A few scattered notes referring to Maine Coxes, who have perhaps already been noticed in these pages, are here inserted for the purpose of preservation and with the hope that some one with more light may identify the persons mentioned in them.

1. John Cox was living at Black Point, Maine, in 1675-6.  
—*King Phillip's War*, p. 37.
2. William Cox owned land in Kittery (Berwick), Maine, in 1708-9.
3. Thomas Cox and his wife Margaret possessed land in Kittery from 1711 to 1714.\*

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1. Edward Cox, "late of York†, in ye County of York in New England," bought land of Job Allcock, in the year 1670. His wife's name was Agnes, and in 1699 she is called "Agnes Kelley" and lives in New York. Edward had probably died prior to this time, and Agnes married again. They had a son :  
Edward b. about 1670.
  2. Edward<sup>2</sup> Cox (Edward<sup>1</sup>), of Salem, Mass., gives his mother, Agnes Kelley, of New York, the power of attorney in 1699. He was probably born about 1670. His father died prior to 1699, and his mother married again. Edward Cox married in Lynn, Nov. 28, 1694 [Nov. 26, 1695?] widow Mary Swasey, who died in Salem in Nov. 1737, aged 63 years. He is called "Edward, Sr., " at the time of his wife's death.‡  
Their children were :
    - i. Stephen Swasey§, b. July 10, 1694.
    - ii. Christian, b. May 13, 169... ; m. Oct. 27, 1722, Daniel Darling.
    - iii. Mary, b. Oct. 28, 169....
    - iv. Richard, b. Dec. 19, 1700; died June 12, 1714.

\* *York Deeds*, Vol. vii. and viii.

† *York Deeds*, Vol. 6.

‡ *York Deeds*, Vol. 6. *Salem Records*. *Essex Institutes*, Vol. 13, p. 71.

§ Widow Mary's child by first husband.



- v. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 16, 1703.
- vi. Edward, b. Jan. 18, 1704-5; d. Sept. 16, 1705.
- 3. vii. Edward, b. Nov. 20, 1706,
- viii. Margaret, b. Jan. 28, 1708...; m. Sept. 20, 1726, William Stewart.
- ix. Lydia, b. Feb. 22, 1712.
- x. Ruth, b. Nov. 30, 1714; m. Jan. 27, 1734, William Hasker.
- 3. Edward<sup>3</sup> Cox (Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), son of Edward and Mary Swasey Cox, was born in Salem, Nov. 20, 1706. He [?] married first, Jan. 16, 1734, Mary Laskin; Second, Oct. 5, 1738, Sarah Cheever. They had Edward, bap. 1740.\*
- 4. Edward<sup>4</sup> Cox (Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), perhaps the son of Edward and Sarah Cheever Cox, was bap. in the First Church, Salem, 1740; m. Hannah Cook of Beverly, Oct. 17, 1769.†
- 5. Edwards<sup>5</sup> Cox (Edward<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edward<sup>1</sup>), was perhaps the son of Edward and Hannah (Cook) Cox. He was a mariner. He died of fever at Hispaniola, in 1798, aged 27 years. He had been 4 years married, and left no children. His wife was a Garton. Edward Cox married Mary Gayton [Garton?] Aug. 17, 1794. "His mother afterwards married Adams and Cane."‡

EDWARD COX, married Nov. 28, 1751, Hannah Grover. A letter of administration is granted Dec. 9, 1785, to Hannah Cox, on the estate of Edward Cox, late of Beverly.§ The children of Edward and Hannah Cox were :

- i. Sarah, b. Aug. 8, 1752; d. 1752.
- ii. Hannah, b. Aug. 8; bap. Sept. 1, 1754.
- iii. Thomas, bap. May 18, 1760.
- iv. Sarah, b. and bap. Oct. 10, 1762.

1. GEORGE<sup>1</sup> COX was one of the early "mariners" who sailed out of the Port of Salem. He married in that town Feb. 23, 1667, Mary Mason. He was master of the "Ketch Sparrow" in 1682, and he or his son, probably the latter, held the

\**Essex Inst.* Vol. 8, p. 74.

†*Salem Records*, Vol. 4.

‡*Essex Inst.*, Vol. 15. *Salem Records*.

§*Salem and Beverly Records*. *Essex Probate*, Vol. 353, p. 169.



same relation to the "Ketch Lam" in 1699-1700. George Jr. signed the famous "Whightt Hors" bill of lading.\*

George Cox Sr. sold a piece of land in Salem "given by my father Mason to my wife" Nov. 20, 1695, and his wife's name was "Mary" [Essex Deeds], and "Widow Mary" is administering the estate of George Cox of Salem, Nov. 27, 1706.† Their children were :

2. i. George, b. Sept. 23, 1668.  
ii. James, b. Dec. 3, 1679; prob. m. Jan. 18, 1710, Abigail S. Cellum.  
iii. Mary, b. June 20, 1672.  
iv. Sara, b. Sept. 8, 1674.
2. George<sup>2</sup> Cox (George<sup>1</sup>) son of George<sup>1</sup> and Mary (Mason) Cox, b. in Salem, Mass., Sept. 23, 1668, was, like his father, a "mariner." He married Mary, the eldest daughter of John and Mary Ingersol, and apparently, like his father, married "land": "George Cox, Jr. Mariner, of Salem, and Mary, his wife, and Ruth Ingersol, single woman, daughters of John Ingersol" sell 10 acres of land Apr. 23, 1695, to William Osburn.‡ George Jr. also sold 5 acres of land to John Robertson as early as June 4, 1692-3.§ Mary Cox is a widow in Salem in 1728, and a note in Salem Records names three children of "Widow Mary."  
i. Mary, b. Dec. 12, 1695.  
ii. John, b. July 27, 1799; m. Mary; d. 1732.  
iii. George, b. May 14, 1702; d. Aug. 28, 1703.

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\*1699.—Shipped by the grace of God, in good order and well conditioned, by Wm. Pickering, in and upon the good Ketch, called the Lam, whereof is master under God, for this present voyage, George Cox, and riding at Anchor in the harbour of Salem, and by God's grace bound for Antege, in ye West India, to say—One Whightt Hors & too new water hogsets, for ye proper Acco'tt of ye above sd Wm. Pickering—being marked and numbered as in the Margent, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned at the aforesaid Port of Antege—(the danger of the Seas only excepted) unto Mr. George Cox, master of ye above said Ketch, or to his Assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Goods, five pounds, at ye landing of ye above sd horse att Antege alive—with Primage and Average accustomed. In witness whereof the master and Purser of said Ship hath affirmed as to Bills of Lading all of this tenor and date; the one of which two Bills being accomplished the other to stand void. And so God send the good Ship to destined the Port in safety, Amen.

Dated in Salem, January ye 12, 1699-1700, mortality excepted.

pr GEORGE COX, junr.

— Essex Inst. Vol. I., p. 97.

†Essex Probate, Vol. 309, pp. 113, 274.

‡Essex Deeds, Vol. 10, p. 184.

§Essex Deeds, Vol. 9, p. 74.



1. RICHARD<sup>5</sup> COX (William<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) [No. 1, p. 8], of Beverly, Mass., was the son of William<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Trask) Cox. He was bapt. in Beverly, Dec. 28, 1735, and married Mrs. Mary (White) Brown of Wenham. They were published Mar. 28, 1756. Richard Cox died in 1774. His will was dated Jan. 12, and proved Nov. 8. His widow Mary administers. In Dec. 1782, she is also appointed guardian of Deborah, gead 16, and Samuel, aged 13, and Brown, aged 11, "all children of Richard Cox, late of Beverly, Mariner."\* June 17, 1775, 13s 4d was paid to "widow Mary Cox" for blankets found her son in service of the colony. The children of Richard and Mary Cox were:

- 2. i. William, b. May 22; bapt. Sept. 4, 1757.
- ii. Richard, b. Mar. 14; bapt. Mar. 18, 1759; d. inf.
- iii. Richard, b. May 13; bapt. May 16, 1762. m. Judith Chapman.
- iv. Mary, bapt. Jan. 13, 1765; d. inf.
- v. Deborah, b. Nov. 20; bapt. 23, 1766. m. Feb. 19, 1788, Capt. Asa Lamson.
- 3. vi. Samuel, b. Apr. 18; bapt. 23, 1769.
- vii. Nathaniel Brown, b. May 13, bapt. 19, 1771; d. Oct. 28, 1851, unm.
- viii. Edward, b. Sept. 4, 1773; d. young.
- 2. William<sup>6</sup> Cox (Richard<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), of Beverly, was the son of Richard and Mary (White Brown) Cox, born in Beverly, May 22, bapt. Sept. 4, 1757: He married 1st, Sarah Batchelder. She died Aug. 22, 1819, aged 60 years. He married 2d, Mrs. Judith Wallis. Children :
- i. Mary, b. Apr. 21, 1785; m. Apr. 18, 1805, Joseph Herrick.
- ii. Nancy, b. Feb. 18, 1788; m. Nathaniel Trask.
- iii. William, b. Jan. 4, 1801; d. young.
- 3. Samuel<sup>6</sup> Cox (Richard<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), of Beverly, was the sixth child and fourth son of Richard<sup>5</sup> and Mary (White Brown) Cox, born in Beverly Apr. 18, bapt. 23, 1769. He was a sea captain. He married May 6, 1798 Abigail Ellenwood, who died in Beverly, Aug. 11, 1824, aged 50. Samuel died in Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 15, 1815. Their children were :
- i. Samuel, b. Apr. 16, 1800; d. Jan. 12, 1802.
- ii. Sarah Jane, b. Nov. 5, 1802.

\*Essex Probate, Vol. 350, p. 509; Vol. 355, p. 506.



- iii. Samuel West, b. Aug. 25, 1805; m. Alice Manning; d. June 19, 1849, no children.
- iv. Deborah, b. Aug. 24, 1807; m. June 14, 1834, Dr. Augustus Torrey.
- v. Lucy Waters, b. Sept. 18, 1811.

RICHARD<sup>4</sup> COX (Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) [No. 1, p. 7], of Beverly, son of Thomas<sup>3</sup> and Hapnah Cox, was bapt. Aug. 14, 1692. Like his father he followed a seafaring life as "mariner" or "fisherman," and was drowned in 1745-6. His brother William administers the estate in Jan. 1746.\* His sister Hannah, who married Nathaniel Clark in 1733, gives a receipt for her share of her brother Richard's estate to her brother William, "Executor." John [Jonathan?] Phelps and Judith Phelps, and Ebenezer Cox also gave receipts, and call Richard their "Uncle."<sup>†</sup> Richard probably died unmarried.

OSMAN<sup>5</sup> COX (William<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) [No. 1, p. 8], of Beverly, son of William and Sarah (Trask) Cox, was bapt. May 13, 1744. He mar. Nov. 19 (pub. Sept. 6) 1767, Sarah Tuck. She d. Feb. 29, 1824, aged 80. Children:

- i. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 29, 1768; bapt. Apr. 30, 1769; m. June 17, 1810, John Fielder.
- ii. Osmon, bapt. Aug. 26, 1770.
- iii. Sarah, b. Nov. 25; bapt. Dec. 1, 1771.
- iv. Deborah, b. Mar. 17, 1777; d. Dec. 1841.

GEORGE THOMAS<sup>7</sup> COX (Hugh<sup>6</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) [No. 2, p. 9], was the son of Hugh<sup>6</sup> and Mary (Dunbar) Cox. He was born in Hallowell, Me., Oct. 16, 1813; m. Dec. 2, 1838, Abigail Sargent. He died in Farmingdale, Me., Dec. 28, 1898. Their children were all born in Farmingdale.

- i. Abbie J., b. Mar. 2, 1840; m. Apr. 16, 1884, Thomas C. Foss; d. Leeds, Oct. 25, 1891.
- ii. Harriet F., b. Nov. 9, 1841; m. Dec. 25, 1874, Walter C. Foss.
- iii. Helen M., b. July 12, 1843.
- iv. Mary L., b. June 4, 1845; d. June 2, 1846.
- v. Sarah E., b. May 30, 1848; m. 1st, May 1, 1870, Thomas Loring. He died Apr. 13, 1876. m. 2d, Apr. 29, 1890, Frank D. Perry.

\**Essex Probate*, Vol. 323, p. 217.

†*Essex Probate*, Vol. 329, pp. 402-3.



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1. ROBERT COX, of Marblehead, was a member of a military company composed of men from Marblehead and Salem, and commanded by one Captain Gardiner, in the year 1675. The Company was engaged in the war with the noted Indian King Philip, and Robert Cox was wounded, Dec. 16-19, of that year.\* In the same company was enrolled one James Cox, also from Marblehead. Robert named his first child, James. Was the first James Robert's father?

In an inventory of the estate of William Pease, of Salem, dated April 29, 1678, three years later, mention is made of seven barrels of mackerel, shipped to the Barbadoes by Robert Cox.† The name of Robert's first wife has not yet been discovered. He appeared in Scituate, according to Dean, about 1690, where his first four children were born, or at least recorded.‡ Dean says that Robert married Mary, the daughter of Edward Jenkins, but Edward Jenkins speaks of his daughter Mary, as the wife of William Cox.§ Dean also calls William Cox, of Scituate, "the brother" of Robert, but the evidence is not given.

Robert Cox married in Scituate, Oct. 5, 1703, Mrs. Agnes Kent, the widow of Joshua Kent, of Boston, who had by her former husband three children, Joshua, John, and Agnes. (The Kents were of Scituate.) Robert shortly afterwards moved with his family to Boston, where he engaged in the business of a fisherman. He lived on Prince Street, where he owned considerable property and where his second family of six children were born. The Prince Street property he leaves by his will to be divided among his heirs:|| Robert Cox died between May 28 and July

\**Mass. Archives*, Vol. 68, p. 104.

†*Essex Probate*, Vol. 2. Robert Cox of Boston, was "a fisherman."

‡*History of Scituate*, Samuel Dean, p. 238. *Scituate Town Record*.

§*Plymouth Deeds and Probate*.

#### WILL OF ROBERT COCK 1731.

¶In the Name of God Amen the Twenty-eight Day of May One thousand Seven hundred & thirty-one. I Robert Cock of Boston in New England, Fisherman being weak of Body but of Perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be Given unto God Therefore calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Dye do make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament. That is to Say Principally & first of all I Give and Recomend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executor nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching Such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I Give Devise & Dispose of the same in the following manner & form.



26, 1731. The will makes Samuel, his son, his Executor, but the Probate Record names James for that place. The estate is finally settled in 1745, by Matthew; James, Samuel, and Andrew having died, Samuel "without heirs." Joanna and Ruth, not being mentioned in the will, were probably dead prior to 1731. "Granddaughter Ruth" was perhaps the daughter of Elias. If so, she was less than one month old at the making of the will. In the final order for the division of the estate in 1745, one third was given to Elias, one third to the heirs of Andrew, and the remaining third to Matthew.\* The children of Robert Cox were :

2. i. James, b. Dec. 1, 1693.
3. ii. William, b. Aug. 25, 1695.
4. iii. Robert,
- iv. Jane, b. May 11, 1697. m. July 20, 1721, Walter Edmunds.
- v. Margaret, b. June 6, 1699. m. Nov. 19, 1719, Luke Stone.
- vi. Joanna, b. Jan. 1, 1704.
5. vii. Elias, b. Mar. 28, 1707.
- viii. Ruth, b. Nov. 9, 1709.
6. ix. Samuel, b. April 17, 1712.
7. x. Andrew, b. Feb. 7, 1714.
8. xi. Matthew, b. Mar. 23, 1717.

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Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Agnes Cock my Dearly Beloved Wife the front Lower Room and Shop adjoining to it & Movables During her Widowhood and the Rent of the front chamber and the Easterly Shop till my Son Matthew Cock comes of age.

Item. I give unto my Eldest Son James Cock Twelve pounds also unto my Son William Cock Twelve Pounds I give unto my Son Robert Cock Twelve Pounds I give unto my Daughter Jane Edmunds Twelve Pounds. I give unto my Daughter Margaret Stone Twelve pounds I give unto my Son Joshua ---- I give unto my Son John Kent Eight Pounds I give unto my daughter Agnes Pierce Ten Pounds. Now I do Constitute make & ordain my Son Samuel Cock my Sole Executor of this my Last will & Testament. Item. I give unto my grand Daughter Ruth Cock one Bed and what belongeth to it when she coines of age And Give unto my Sons Elias Samuel Andrew and Matthew Cock all my Estate Equally to be Divided between sd four Sons they Paying the aforementioned Legacies and I do hereby utterly Disallow Revoke Disannul all and every other former Testaments wills Legacies and Bequest Executor or Executors by me any ways before Named willed and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my Hand and Seal the Day and Year above Written.

My Will is further that my Son Elias Cock shall have the Kitchen and the Chamber over it and the Eastward Shop paying his Mother Eight pounds a year till my Son Matthew Cock comes of Age.

Robert cock & a Seal

Signed Sealed Published pronounced & Declared by the sd Robert Cock as his Last Will & Testament in the Presence of us the Subscribers.

Thomas Webber

Mary tomson

Geo. Parsons

\**Suffolk Deeds and Probate.*



2. James<sup>2</sup> Cox (Robert<sup>1</sup>) of Boston, was the eldest son of Robert Cox by his first wife, name unknown, born in Scituate, Dec. 1, 1693. Like his father, he was a "fisherman." He owned property, "house and land" on Wing's Lane." He married Sept. 19, 1718, Alice Ingraham, of Boston, by whom he had eight children. James Cox and Alice his wife, and other members of the Ingraham family, relinquished their claim to certain property formerly in the possession of "our honored mother, Lydia Ingraham, deceased," "received from our grandmother, Katherine Douce," Dec. 28, 1721.\* James<sup>2</sup> Cox died prior to Dec. 6, 1745, at which time his will, dated Aug. 15, 1743, is offered for probate. His widow Alice is named sole executrix; and all his property, real and personal, falls to her on condition that she remain his widow: otherwise it is to go to the children.† On account of sickness in the year 1750, widow Alice sells a portion of this property to Samuel Cox, "fisherman," of Marblehead, who is probably the eldest son.‡ Samuel Cox, of Lynn, a descendant of this Samuel, and now in his eighttieth year, remembers that his grandfather's people used to visit relatives in Boston. The children of James and Alice (Ingraham) Cox, record of baptisms in Brattle Street Church, were:
- i. Alice, b. Aug. 15; bap. 16, 1719.
  - ii. Samuel, b. Jan. 3, 1720. d. inf.
  - 9. iii. Samuel, b. Nov. 26; bap. Dec. 6, 1724.
  - iv. Sarah, b. Oct. 29, 1726; prob. m. in Dorchester, July 18, 1754, Edward Curtis.
  - v. Hannah, b. June 15; bap. 16, 1728.
  - 10. vi. Benjamin, b. Feb. 28, 1729; bap. Feb. 15, 1730.
  - vii. Joseph, b. Mar. 29, 1733.
  - viii. Hannah, b. Feb. 21, 1738; prob. m. Thos. Cristy, Oct. 28, 1760; d. Oct. 16, 1798. Buried, Copps Hill.
3. William<sup>2</sup> Cox (Robert<sup>1</sup>), the second son of Robert by his first wife also lived in Boston. He was born in Scituate Aug. 25, 1695. He married in Boston, Nov. 23, 1719, Elizabeth Ridgeway of that city, a granddaughter of John Ridgeway, of Pemaquid, Me. He is called in the records "Housewright" and also "Marriner." His name, to-

\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 35, p. 236.

†*Suffolk Probate*, Vol. 38. p. 204.

‡*Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 80. p. 104.



gether with that of his wife Elizabeth, appears on several papers for the transfer of property in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in 1725 to 1727. He died early in the year 1736, and his estate proved insolvent. His widow survived him. Among his effects is mentioned "a gun" and "a sword and belt." Perhaps William spent some time "soldiering" when he should have been carpentering. Luke Stone, husband of his sister Margaret, and James Ridgeway assist in settlement of the estate. James Ridgeway is called his "brother-in-law," and named administrator. The children were baptized at the North Church:

- i. William, b. and bap. Aug. 28, 1720. m. Jan. 26, 1743, Sarah Thomas.
  - ii. Elizabeth, bap. Oct. 14, 1722,
  - iii. John, b. Apr. 13; bap. 19, 1724.
  - ii. iv. Samuel, b. Mar. 24; bap. 27, 1726.
  - v. Hannah, bap. Feb. 11, 1727-8.
  - vi. Robert, bap. Apr. 12, 1730.
4. Robert<sup>2</sup> (Robert<sup>1</sup>). Of this man we can learn next to nothing. His name occurs in the will of Robert<sup>1</sup> by virtue of which he received his portion of the paternal estate as "my son Robert Cock." But no record of his birth, marriage or death is yet found in Scituate or Boston. His place among the children has been assigned him simply from the order of mention in the will of Robert<sup>1</sup>, and probably does not indicate order of birth.

Robert Cox, of Lebanon, Conn., married Ruth Howard, Nov. 9, 1726\*. Robert<sup>2</sup>? Robert Cox, of Boston, perhaps Robert<sup>2</sup>, had Mary baptized (2nd Church) Mar. 20, 1737.

5. Elias<sup>2</sup> Cox (Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the first son and second child of Robert<sup>1</sup> and Agnes (Kent) Cox, born in Boston, Mar. 28, 1707. He is called "Cordwainer" and lived with his father on Prince Street. He married Elitha Hawkins, Nov. 4, 1728, and died in 1750. Letter of administration is granted to Isaac Pierce, who called Elias<sup>2</sup> his uncle. He was probably the son of Isaac Pierce, who married Agnes Kent, the half sister of Elias<sup>2</sup>. Mary, daughter of Elias<sup>2</sup> aged about 15, and Elias, son of Elias<sup>2</sup>, aged about 17, chose Isaac Pierce guardian on the death of their father in 1750. "Aliter" Cox (Elitha?) was admitted to mem-

\*Early Conn. Marriages, Book 2, p. 13.



bership in the New North Church, Sept. 14, 1729. The children of Elias and Elitha (Hawkins) Cox baptized in the New North Church were :

- i. Robert, bap. Oct. 26, 1729.
- ii. Ruth, bap. May 2, 1731; m.(?) Feb. 21, 1754, Samuel Russel of Cambridge.
- iii. Elias, bap. June 17, 1733.
- iv. Mary, bap. Sept. 14, 1735.
- v. Aliter, bap. June 25, 1738.

6. Samuel<sup>2</sup> Cox (Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Boston, was the son of Robert<sup>1</sup> and Agnes (Kent) Cox, born in Boston, Apr. 17, 1712, and died prior to Dec. 29, 1744, "without heirs." He was appointed administrator of the will of his father, but died before the estate was settled. He may have been the Samuel Cox who married Mary Gould in Marblehead, Dec. 1, 1735. The evidence is slight. In the old Granary Cemetery, Boston, is a foot-stone (left side of path leading from main entrance, Tremont St.) lettered, "Mr. Samuel Cox." Does it mark the last resting place of the man "without heirs?"
7. Andrew<sup>2</sup> Cox (Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Boston, was the son of Robert<sup>1</sup> and Agnes (Kent) Cox, born in Boston, Feb. 7, 1714. He married Aug. 5, 1736, Mary Pratt, and died about 1745, leaving children not named, who became heirs to his portion of his father's property. Andrew Cox was received into membership in the Second Church, Mar. 4, 1733, and had :  
Hannah, bap. Apr. 8, 1739.
8. Matthew<sup>2</sup> Cox (Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Cambridge, was by trade "a tanner." He was born in Boston, Mar. 23, 1717, and was the youngest son of Robert<sup>1</sup> and Agnes (Kent) Cox. He married Elizabeth Russell of Cambridge in 1739, and lived in a cottage on what is now the west side of Massachusetts Avenue, a little north of the railroad station at North Cambridge. He was killed by an accident Feb. 18, 1756. The *Boston News Letter*, dated Feb. 19, 1756, contains the following Cambridge Item.  
"Yesterday, toward the setting sun, Mr. Matthew Cox of this town, fell from an apple tree that he was pruning and breaking his neck died instantly whose sudden death is very much lamented having left a sorrowful widow and



eight young children and she in daily expectation of increasing the number of the fatherless."

In 1746 Matthew<sup>2</sup> gave a deed of land in Boston which he described as "being a part of my honored father, Robert Cox's estate" and mentioned Elias Cox and Andrew Cox as coheirs. Matthew<sup>2</sup> Cox was admitted into membership of the old First Church, Cambridge, Dec. 30, 1739; his wife Elizabeth April 17, 1742. Widow Elizabeth Cox died prior to Feb. 1768, and Walter and Samuel, her sons, administer.\* The children of Matthew<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Russell) Cox were ten. Of the six boys who lived to mature years, five at least have a Revolutionary War record:

- i. Elizabeth, bap. Jan. 20, 1739-40; m. July 24, 1766, Henry Dixon.
- ii. Agnes, bap. Mar. 1, 1740-1. m. May 14, 1778, James Philips.
- iii. Walter, b. Dec. 15; bap. 19, d. 26, 1742.
- 12. iv. Walter, b. 1744.
- 13. v. Samuel, bap. Sept. 28, 1746.
- 14. vi. Matthew, bap. m. 27, 1748.
- 15. vii. William, bap. Apr. 8, 1750.
- 16. viii. Joseph, bap. 1752.
- ix. Phoebe, bap. Apr. 14, 1754. m. June 24, 1777, John Hobbs of Boston.
- 17. x. Benjamin, b. Mar. 7, 1756.
- 9. Samuel<sup>3</sup> Cox (James<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was probably the son of James and Alice (Ingraham) Cox, born in Boston, Nov. 26, and baptized Dec. 6, in Brattle Street Church, 1724. He was a Marblehead fisherman. He purchases land of his mother, widow Alice, in 1750, and marries Hannah Stacy, of Marblehead, Apr. 22, 1752. Samuel<sup>3</sup> Cox sells this land in 1759, and his wife's name is "Hannah." William Main sells land to Samuel Cox in Marblehead, in 1778. Samuel Cox, Joseph Cox (probably his brother), and James Cox were in the Continental service from Marblehead.† Samuel was in the Company of Capt. Thomas Grant, 21st Regiment, Col. John Glover, the famous "Marine Regiment."‡ Samuel Cox "late of Marblehead, fisherman," and his wife

\*Middlesex Probate, 3576.

Records First Church, Cambridge.

Family Bible. F. A. Cox, Cambridgeport.

Paige's Hist. of Cambridge.

Culler's Hist. of Arlington.

†History of Marblehead, p. 403.

‡Mass. Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution, p. 702.



- Hannah, died about 1798. Both wills are probated on the same day.\* The children of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Hannah (Stacy) Cox were probably :
- i. Samuel†, m. Anna Croof, June 13, 1782.
  - ii. William, m. Sarah Main: had dau. Hannah, b. Nov. 27, 1788.
  - 18. iii. James, m. Margaret Standley, Sept. 25, 1783.
  - 10. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Cox (James<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Boston, was probably the son of James<sup>2</sup> and Alice (Ingraham) Cox, born in Boston, Feb. 28, 1729. He married‡ Oct. 9, 1752, Elizabeth Manwarring. Benjamin and Elizabeth Cox had children baptized in the Old South Church :
    - i. Elizabeth, bap. Sept. 9, 1753, d. infst.
    - ii. Elizabeth, " Oct. 24, 1756.
    - iii. Sarah, " June 7, 1759.
    - iv. Benjamin, " Nov. 6, 1760.
    - v. Lydia, " Nov. 14, 1762
    - vi John, " Aug. 26, 1764, d. infst.
    - vii. Mary, " Dec. 22, 1765.
    - viii. John, " Feb. 21, 1768.  - 11. Samuel<sup>3</sup> Cox (William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was a Boston man, although owning property and marrying two women in Dorchester. He was the son of William<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Ridgeway) Cox, born in Boston, Mar. 24, 1726, and baptized three days later in the New North Church. His first wife was Sarah Rogers, of Dorchester, who was born May 20, 1733. They were married May 23, 1750, and had ten children. Mrs. Sarah died in childbirth Apr. 10, 1767. The child also died with the mother. Samuel<sup>3</sup> married second, Sept. 15, 1767, widow Elizabeth Bird, of Dorchester, by whom he had nine children. Twins close the living series in each case. Of the children, Joseph, Susanna, Patience and

\*The original papers are in the possession of Samuel Cox of Lynn, great grandson of Samuel<sup>3</sup>.

†A child of Samuel and Hannah (Anna?) d. Sept. 13, 1821."

—Marblehead Records.

Other Cox marriages in Marblehead yet unidentified were :

Mary Cox	m	John Narman, Sept. 5, 1720.
Alice Cox	"	John Lee, Aug. 10, 1773.
Elias Cox	"	Katherine Proctor, Dec. 7, 1753.
Elizabeth Cox	"	Francis Goss, Jan. 15, 1775.
Hannah Cox	"	Edward Brown, May 4, 1783.

The first names of these Coxes are common in the Robert line, and they probably belong to the family.

‡New North Church Records.



Isaac were all baptized Sept. 5, 1785, at their home, four of them being sick at the time. Samuel<sup>3</sup> was a man of good business ability and "got on in the world prosperously." He has several records in Suffolk Registry of Deeds, in one of which he is called "Cordwinder." John Cox, probably his son is witness to one transaction, and a second is with his son Henry Cox. Samuel<sup>3</sup> has also a war record for revolutionary service.\* He served at Lexington, Dorchester and Long Island. The children† of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Cox were:

- 19. i. William, b. Jan. 26, 1751.
- ii. Sarah, b. Oct. 27; bap. 28, 1752; d. May 15, 1754.
- iii. Sarah, b. Nov. 9; bap. 10, 1755; d. May 80, 1773.
- iv. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 28; bap. Mar. 13, 1757.
- v. Experience, b. Mar. 11; bap. Apr. 1; d. Nov. 18, 1759.
- 20. vi. Samuel, b. Oct. 6; bap. 12, 1760.
- vii. John, b. Oct. 12; bap. 14, 1763; d. May 9, 1813.
- viii. { Thomas, b. Dec. 18, 1764; bap. Jan. 13, 1765. Thos. d. May, 1796.  
Hannah.
- x. ——— "dead born."
- 21. xi. Henry, b. May 30; bap. June 26, 1768.
- 22. xii. Robert, b. Nov. 19, 1769.
- xiii. Joseph, b. Feb. 5, 1771.
- 23. xiv. Benjamin, b. Sept. 26, 1773.
- xv. Susanna, b. Mar. 30, 1775; m. Sept. 1, 1810, Joseph Robinson; d. Apr. 4, 1865.
- 24. xvi. Lemuel, b. July 22, 1777; m. Sept. 24, 1808, Mary Brown Bell; d. in Connecticut.
- xvii. Patience, b. Apr. 13, 1779; m. (1) Jan. 4, 1804, Josiah Randall; m. (2) Jacob Varnum Green, nephew of Gen. Nathaniel Green; m. (3) Rev. Jonathan Smith.
- xviii. Ruth, b. Aug. 10, 1781; m. Dec. 13, 1804, Jesse Fowler, Jr.
- 25. xix. Isaac, b. Aug. 10, 1781.

\*Mass. *Soldiers and Sailors*, Vol. IX., p. 54.

†Samuel's<sup>3</sup> note book, in possession of Mrs. Rachel Hyde, Arlington Heights Mass.



### THE THIRD REUNION.

The Third Annual Reunion of the Historical and Genealogical Association of New England Cox Families was held at Pierce Hall, Copley Square, Boston, October 11, 1899.

The afternoon was occupied socially until four o'clock, when a short business meeting was held, and officers elected for the ensuing year. After this the inner man (and woman) was refreshed by a collation, and a number of college and patriotic songs were given a vigorous rendering.

During the evening a paper on "Pemaquid, the Eden of the Cox Family," by Dr. Gardner Cox of Holyoke, was read; and another on "The Coxes in the War of the Revolution," by Mr. Edward Jones Cox of Newtonville. Good music was furnished by the Pierce Hall pianist: and two members of the family, Mrs. Helen Poland Lockhart and Mrs. Myrtle Darling, very kindly sang, and were enthusiastically received. Miss Ethel M. Cox of Lexington, added to the pleasure of the occasion by reading an appropriate selection. The President, Mr. Henry Rockard Cox of Portland, urged all to identify themselves with the Association by becoming members: and the Historian, Rev. John Hosmer Cox, made an earnest request that each one should fill out a genealogical blank.

The third number of the COX GENEALOGY was ready for subscribers.

During the afternoon meeting Mr. Liberty Emery Holden of Cleveland, expressed his sympathy and interest in a few well-chosen words.

The attendance was not so large as it was hoped it might be, but all protested that it was "the best yet."



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HANNAH COX appears as one of a number of persons described as, "Wee whose names are under written being Legall propiatiors of ye Comon and undivided Lands in ye township of Salem by ye Laws of this Province having Cottages or dwelling places before ye year 1661."\*

FRANCIS COX took passage from Barbadoes for New England, Aug. 25, 1679, in the ship, "John and James," Giles Hamlin Commander.† Tradition has it that two brothers, Francis and Benjamin Cox, came to Salem some time prior to 1700, and settled there.‡ The following may be their descendants.

1. BENJAMIN<sup>1</sup> COX of Salem, married in Lynn, June 13, 1706, Anne Prettinie. He died about 1734-5, and his widow Anne is appointed executrix. Benjamin Cox of Salem, "fisherman" by wife Anne had children :§
  2. i. Benjamin.
  3. ii. William.
  4. iii. Francis, b. Aug. 19, 1719. (?)
  5. iv. John, b. July 19, 1723.
  - v. Ann.
2. Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Cox, (Benjamin<sup>1</sup>?) of Salem, married July 10, 1734, Katherine Daland, of Salem. Benjamin Cox, of Salem, whose wife's name was Katherine, died about 1779-80, leaving in his will property to the following children, the last three probably being married.
  - i. Benjamin.
  - ii. Katherine.
  - iii. Ann Blaney.
  - iv. Hannah Richards.
  - v. Margaret Alley.
3. William<sup>2</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>1</sup>), married in Salem, 1733, Mary Stevens, "Both of Salem," and William Cox wife, Mary, had children : ||
  - i. Mary, bap. 1734.
  - ii. William, bap. 1736.
  - iii. Edward, bap. 1740.
4. Francis<sup>2</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>1</sup>?), of Salem, son (brother?) of Benjamin<sup>1</sup> and Anne (Prettinie) Cox, b. Aug. 19, 1719. "Francis Cox married Mary Daland, Jan. 21, 1741-2," and "Francis-

\*Genealogical Register, Vol. 7.

†Hotten's Original Lists, p. 360.

‡Francis<sup>5</sup> Cox, Salem, b. July 27, 1817.

§Salem Records. Essex Probate 320 : 189.

||Essex Institutes, Vol. 8, p. 13, 74.



Cox married Widow Mary Gale, Mar. 3, 1757." "Widow Mary Cox died July 29, 1782, aged 63." Guardianship of Francis Cox, aged about 8, and Mercy Cox, aged about 6, and Polly Cox, aged about 4, all children of Francis Cox, "marriner" of Salem, is granted Dec. 6, 1782, to Daniel Thelt. Benjamin Cox, son of Francis, administers the estate (same date) who gives bond with Jonathan and Samuel Very. In the order for division "widow Mary" is named in 1782. Benjamin's account is rendered July 9, 1783.\*

6. i. Benjamin, b. 1743 (?)  
ii. Francis, b. 1774.  
iii. Mercy, b. 1775-6; m. May 26, 1794, Thos. Bickford.  
iv. Polly, b. 1778.
5. John<sup>2</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>1</sup>?), of Salem, the son of Benjamin and Anne (Prettine) Cox, was born July 19, 1723. He married Elizabeth Tapley, and their children were:  
i. Gilbert, b. Nov. 7, 1743; m. Susan Tuck, Sept. 7, 1764.  
ii. John b. Apr. 14, 1746; d. Aug. 14, 1747.  
iii. John, b. Sept. 16, 1748.  
iv. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 27, 1750; d. Jan. 9, 1751.  
v. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 17, 1751.  
vi. Lydia, b. Dec. 15, 1753.  
vii. Margaret, b. Aug. 27, 1755.
6. Capt. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Cox (Francis<sup>2</sup> Benjamin<sup>1</sup>), son of Francis and Mary (Gale) Cox was born 1743, and died at St. Pierre and Martinique, in 1788. He married Dec. 4, 1768, Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Bickford) Very. Elizabeth (Very) Cox was born July 8, 1727, and died Aug. 20, 1820. They had two sons and one daughter.
7. i. Benjamin, b. Sept. 8, 1779.  
ii. Francis, b. 1781. d. 1791.  
iii. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 7, 1787; d. June 21, 1860.

Benjamin† of Salem, marriner, widow Elizabeth administratrix, 1789. Order for division of above estate given widow Elizabeth: "½ the remainder to be divided into two equal parts," 1801. (Francis dead.) Guardianship of Betsey, a minor more than 13 years of age, dau. of Capt. Benjamin, late of Salem, marriner diseased, is granted to Elizabeth, who gives bond with Benjamin Jr., June 29, 1801.‡

\**Essex Probate*, Vol. 355, p. 436, 520. Vol. 356, p. 212.

†*Essex Probate*, 10-148.

‡*Essex Probate*, 369-400.



7. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Francis<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>), of Salem, merchant, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Very) Cox, was born Sept. 8, 1779. He married Nov. 5, 1804 (Salem Records) or Mar. 13, 1803, (Francis<sup>5</sup>), Sarah Smith, born May 21, 1785, died Nov. 20, 1873; Benjamin<sup>4</sup> died Dec. 12, 1863. Their nine children were :
- i. Eliza, b. Sept. 23, 1803; d. Nov. 8, 1888, unmarried.
  - ii. Benjamin, b. Jan. 9, 1806.
  - iii. Francis, b. Feb. 16, 1808. d. May 20, 1813.
  - iv. Sarah, b. Nov. 27, 1810. m. Albert G. Brown. d. Oct. 28, 1885.
  - v. Edward, b. Jan. 6, 1813.
  - vi. Mehitable, b. Nov. 9, 1815. m. John Pickering. d. May 21, 1879.
  - vii. Francis, b. July 27, 1817, d. Nov. 12, 1898.
  - viii. Mary Ann, b. Sept. 11, 1820. d. Nov. 26, 1888, unmarried.
  - ix. Edward, b. Aug. 12, 1823.
8. Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Francis<sup>2</sup> Benjamin<sup>1</sup>), son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Smith) Cox, b. in Salem Jan. 9, 1806. Graduated at Harvard University, class of 1826. He was a physician. He married Susan S. Daland, by whom he had two children. Dr. Benjamin Cox died Nov. 30, 1871.
9. i. Benjamin, d. June 7, 1894.  
ii. Sarah Daland, b. 1866.
9. Benjamin<sup>6</sup> Cox (Benjamins<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Francis<sup>2</sup>, Benjamin<sup>1</sup>), son of Dr. Benjamins<sup>5</sup> and Susan S. (Daland) Cox, married Sarah Howard, widow of Henry R. Daland, Dec. 30, 1841. He died in Boston, June 7, 1894.

PHILIP COX, of Dorchester, was an apprentice to a Mr. Cousins, of Boston, in the year 1649.\* Philip Cox, of Salem, and his wife Remember Cox, had children born in Salem, and one at least, Henry, baptized in the First Church. Philip's widow apparently married a second time, for: "Bartholomew -- married Remember Cox, Apr. 24, 1712." Children of Philip Remember Cox were :†

- i. Moses, b. Dec. 20, 1686.
- ii. Philip, b. July - - 1689.
- iii. Henry, b. Sept. - 1691-2. bap. 1699.
- iv. Elias, b. Sept. 20, 1694.

Thomas Cox, a shoemaker born in Salem, died in Cambridge,‡ April 6, 1847, aged 83 years, married : buried in Ward 2, lot 218.

\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 1, p. 295.

†*Salem Records. Essex Institutes*, Vol. 7, p. 173.

‡*Camb. Records*, Vol. 4, p. 180, 197.



\* Rhoda, widow of the late Thomas Cox, died of old age in Cambridge, July 15, 1848, aged 75: buried lot 218 (ob A. H).

COX MARRIAGES FROM SALEM RECORDS.

Martha	m	Thos. Kenney, Nov. 10, 1702.
Margaret	"	Joseph Cook, Aug. 14, 1706.
Mary	"	Deliverance Clarke, Nov. 5, 1723.
"	"	David Griffin, June 7, 1723.
John	"	Sarah Mansfield, Dec. 23, 1723.
William	"	Mary Staples, (both of S.) Nov. 9, 1733.
Ann	"	John Leath Jr., Dec. 25, 1735.
John	"	Elizabeth Tapley, May 15, 1743.
Sarah	"	Joseph Brown Jr., June 5, 1753.
Mary	"	Solomon Carter, June 18, 1763.
Hannah	"	Walter Richards, Mar. 26, 1766.
Susanna	"	John Ryan, June 16, 1769.
Elizabeth	"	William Robins, Aug. 18, 1771.
Ann	"	John Conelly, Oct. 4, 1773.
Elizabeth	"	James Cheever, Aug. 28, 1774.
Mary	"	John Tucker, Aug. 23, 1774.
"	"	Jacob " Aug. 21, 1774.
Rhoda	"	Chas Cole, Oct. 9, 1774.
Betsey	"	George Leach, Sept. 17, 1780.
Hannah	"	Wm. Adams, June 12, 1781.
Peggie	"	Samuel Bishop, Dec. 13, 1787.
Sally	"	Robert Watts, Dec. 31, 1788.
Polly	"	Benj. Daniels, Mar. 28, 1791.
Sally	"	Joseph Orne, Nov. 5, 1791.
Nabbie	"	Pierson Beckford, June 9, 1793.
Hannah	"	James Mussey, July 19, 1795.
Mary	"	John Jacob Rochsein, Aug. 22, 1799.
Warren	"	Wid. Ellis Cushman, Nov. 27, 1803.
Benjamin	"	Abigail Nichols, Dec. 1, 1805.
Sarah S.	"	Albert G. Brown, Apr. 10, 1834.
Eliza	"	Chas. B. Fillebrown, Apr. 1, 1834.
Andrew	"	Olive Phillips, Dec. 24, 1835.
Mary	"	Henry D. Williams, Feb. 2, 1838.
Francis R.	"	Lydia C. Shed, Oct. 7, 1838.
Francis	"	Ellen Augusta Barr, July 2, 1846.



DAVID COX, of Beverly, had wife Judith and children :

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| i. David,     | b. Oct. 3, 1790.                   |
| ii. John,     | " June 25, 1792.                   |
| iii. Benjamin | " Mar. 13, 1794.                   |
| iv. Betsey    | " Mar. 10, 1803. d. June 27, 1810. |
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JOHN COX, of Beverly, married Lucy ----- June 12, 1814, and had children :

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| i. John,        | b. Nov. 26, 1814. |
| ii. Lucy,       | " Mar. 14, 1817.  |
| iii. Elizabeth, | " Feb. 17, 1821.  |
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MOSES COX, of Hampton, N. H., was "one of the early settlers of Old Norfolk," and was at Hampton as early as 1640. His first wife's name was Alice. She, with her son John, was drowned Aug. 20, 1657, in Hampton River. Moses married 2d, Prudence, the daughter of Wm. Marston, and widow of --- Swain, who was drowned at the same time with Moses' first wife, Alice. The marriage took place the following year, 1658. Moses Cox took the oath of allegiance at Hampton, 1678. He died May 28, 1687, aged about 93 years. Children :

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| i. John, drowned Aug. 20, 1657.                               |
| ii. Hannah, m. Francis Jennings of Rye, N. H.                 |
| iii. Leah, m. Dec. 13, 1681, James Perkins. d. Feb. 19, 1749. |
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THOMAS COX, of Lynn, married Abigail King, of Salem, Sept. 17, 1753.\* Thomas Cox of Lynn, was a lieutenant in Capt. Ezra Newhall's (Lynn) Co. of Minute men, which marched on the alarm of Apr. 19, 1775. Service 21 days. Capt. Thomas Cox married Oct. 19, 1781, Mary Pray; and Thomas Cox m. Apr. 12, 1796, Eunice Rhodes.† The children of Thomas Cox, wife Abigail, born in Lynn, were :

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| i. Abigail, b. Mar. 3, 1754.   |
| ii. Hepzibah, b. May 10, 1755. |
| iii. Thomas, b. June 13, 1760. |
| iv. Sarah, b. July 20, 1764.   |
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JOHN COX, of Lynn, married Dec. 14, 1784, Elizabeth Quinnes (?) of Lynn, and had children :

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| i. Elizabeth, b. Mar. 11, 1785. |
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\*Salem Records.

†Lynn Records.



- ii. Nancy, b. Sept. 27, 1787.
  - iii. John, b. July 5, 1789.
  - iv. Thomas, b. Sept. 15, 1791.
  - v. Lydia, b. Dec. 5, 1793.
  - vi. Drusilla, } b. Dec. 12, 1795.
  - vii. Abigail, }
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BENJAMIN COX, of Boston, married Mercy Pratt, of Lynn, June 10, 1787. Mrs. Cox died Nov. 27, 1839.\*

Benjamin Cox Jr., married Nov. 25, 1825, Betsey T. Pratt. Mrs. Cox died June 2, 1844. Their children were :†

- i. Benjamin Potter, b. Mar. 26, 1826. d. Oct. 1, 1826.
- ii. Benjamin Potter, b. May 29, 1827.
- iii. Eliza, b. July 19, 1830.

Benjamin Cox, of Newmarket, N. H., married May 5, 1842, Louisa F. Mead, of Lynn.\*

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JOSEPH COX, age 27, servant to Roger Harlakenden, was a passenger on the "Defense de Lond" from London to New England, July 3, 1635.‡ Roger Harlakenden settled in Cambridge. Joseph Cox by wife Martha had daughter, "Martha," born Mar. 3, 1669.§ Joseph Cox made a deposition and witnessed a deed, Barbadoes and Boston, 1669-1671.|| Joseph Cox is master of ship "Mary" Mar. 26, 1665-6.¶

i. JOSEPH COX, born 1633, married Nov. 10, 1659, Susannah, daughter of Nicholas Upsall, of Boston. She was born Dec. 7, 1639. Joseph Cox died Jan. 15, 1678-9, and was burried in Copps Hill. In the inventory of his estate are mentioned, "House and land" and "wharf where Red Lion was" "Wharf and Ware Houses" "Part of ship Providence" etc. This property came to him from his father-in-law, Nicholas Upsall, a prominent man in Boston, and proprietor of the "Red Lion Inn." A sword and belt are also among Joseph's effects. Susannah Cox, Joseph's widow, married Joseph Bridgeman, a tanner. In the order

\**Lynn Records.*

†*Lynn Records.*

‡*Hotten.*

§*Record Com. Report, Vol. 9.*

||*Suffolk Deeds, Vol. 6, 7.*

¶*Genealogical Register, Vol. 15.*



for the division of the estate of Joseph Cox, four children only are named, the others probably having died.\*

- i. Joseph, b. Aug. 24, 1664.
  - ii. Nicholas, b. Dec. 21, 1665.
  - iii. Susannah, b. June 30, 1666. m. Timothy Wadsworth.
  - iv. Elizabeth, b. Mar. 20, 1671. m. Nov. 24, 1690, Edward Proctor.
  - v. Joseph, b. Sept. 5, 1673.
  - vi. Ann, b. June 10, 1676.
  - vii. Joseph, { b. Sept. 15, 1679; bap. 2d Church, Sept. 21, 1679.
  - viii. Mary, } Mary m. June 17, 1693, John Mountford.
2. Nicholas<sup>2</sup> Cox (Joseph<sup>1</sup>) the second son of Joseph<sup>1</sup> and Susannah (Upsall) Cox, was born in Boston, Dec. 2, 1665. The name of his first wife was Sarah. He married 2nd, July 16, 1700, Elizabeth Carwithin. He was received into the 2nd Church, Sept. 17; his wife Sarah, May 17, 1691. Nicholas<sup>2</sup> Cox was by trade a cooper. He fell heir to considerable property by the death of his grandfather, Nicholas Upsall, of which he apparently made good use, for in 1712 he is called "Schoolmaster." He was "admitted an inhabitant of Boston" in 1710, and "to sell strong beer and bottled ale in his house" 1711. He is still living in Boston, 1713. The children of Nicholas were :
- i. Susannah, b. Mar. 23, 1693.
  - ii. Sarah, bap (2nd Ch.) Jan. 10, 1696-7.
  - iii. Elizabeth, b. May 23; bap. 25, 1701.

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ROBERT COX of Boston, "Marriner and Innholder" first appears among those who took the oath of freeman in the year 1666.† He probably married his first wife Martha, about 1670, by whom he had four children. He is approved by the selectmen of Boston to keep a house of entertainment and sell liquors between the years 1668 and 1679, is "Clerk of the Market" 1669-70. In 1669 he leased the Halsey wharf property of Nathaniel Patten, of Dorchester. Several transactions with reference to this property are on record from 1669 to 1681, in

\*Inscriptions, Copps Hill.

*Suffolk Probate*, 932—12—281—932—6—273—279.

*Savage*.

*Genealogical Register*, Vol. 5.

*Record Com. Report*, Vol. 9.

†*Genealogical Register*, Vol. 3, p. 7.



many of which the name of his wife<sup>2</sup> Martha occurs.\* Martha is alive June 23, 1681, but probably died soon after. Robert married 2nd, prior to Feb. 8, 1683, a woman named "Hester" or "Esther." "Robert Coxe, the boatman," died Nov. 11, 1684, intestate, and his wife Esther "refusing" to administer, William Coleman is appointed administrator. In Coleman's account rendered Sept. 12, 1695, he speaks of a child who "died soon after" the father. In the same account he speaks of Disbursements for the children in the year 1690, and "charges for his son in sd year." So John is alive 1690. In the order for distribution of the estate, Oct. 3, 1695, Martha, Mary, and Elizabeth are called "the only surviving children of the deceased." John must have died prior to Oct. 3, 1695. Perhaps, "Died John Cox July 3, 1690,"† may refer to him. The children then aside from the one who died soon after the father were:

- i. John, b. Aug. 7, 1671.
- ii. Martha, b. June 4, 1673.
- iii. Mary.
- iv. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 15, 1677.

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\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 12, p. 13.

†*Record Com. Report*. Vol. 9.



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### INFORMATION WANTED.

Identification of any of the Coxes mentioned in these notes, their relation to any Cox family or line, and further information, dates of birth, marriage, death, or record of public service relative to any Cox family, whether mentioned herein or not, is earnestly solicited by the

HISTORIAN.



## COX MARRIAGES FROM BOSTON RECORDS.

Alice	m	Mathew Abdy,	May 24, 1662.
John	"	Joanna Brown,	Nov. 16, 1698.
Mary	"	Benjamin Staples,	May 26, 1699.
Martha	"	James Colliston,	June 22, 1701,
Elizabeth	"	John Simpson,	Aug. 13, 1702.
Mary	"	Isaac Stodard,	Mar. 27, 1708. (m Brattle St.)
Jonathan	"	Jane Baker,	Jan. 1, 1711.
David	"	Sarah Cruff,	July 22, 1713.
Martha	"	Simon Goudy,	Oct. 6, 1712.
Martha	"	John Young,	Dec. 9, 1714.
Elizabeth	"	Phillips Hesker,	July 29, 1716.
James	"	Anne Smith,	June 7, 1716.
Henry	"	Mary Cox,	June 7, 1717.
Ann	"	Jonathan Fuller,	Feb. 9, 1718.
Thomas	"	Elizabeth Gord,	Oct. 30, 1718.
Ann	"	John Bish,	Feb. 2, 1721.
Edward	"	Elizabeth Pearson,	Jan. 1, 1722.
Elizabeth	"	Ebenezar Sumner,	Oct. 8, 1723.
Margaret	"	Francis Dory	June 10, 1724.
Mary	"	David Evans,	Feb. 9, 1724.
William	"	Judith Coleman,	Dec. 11, 1724.
Nicholas	"	Mary Dean,	Jan. 21, 1725.
Lambert	"	Eliza Hinchcomb,	May 9, 1726.
James	"	Hannah Flagg,	May 28, 1727.
John	"	Eliza Gally,	Dec. 13, 1731. (Brattle St.)
Mary	"	John Holt,	Feb. 28, 1733.
Thomas	"	Abigail Cox,	Feb. 26, 1740.
William	"	Sarah Thomas,	Jan. 26, 1743. (New North)
Mrs. Lydia	"	Ebenezer Messenger,	Mar. 4, 1744(5) (Brattle St.)
Mary	"	Donallen Mathew,	Dec. 26, 1745.
Lydia	"	James Dodge,	May 28, 1765.
Hannah	"	William Holland,	Dec. 29, 1765.
Margaret	"	John Bush,	Feb. 28, 1765. (New North)
Unite	"	Mary Cox,	Sept. 8, 1767.
Rebecca	"	Anthony Allen,	Dec. 15, 1769.
Sarah	"	William Chamberlain,	Jan. 24, 1779.
Anne	"	Thomas Crosby,	Feb. 18, 1779.
Betsy	"	Samuel Wild,	Mar. 26, 1783. (New North)
Bathsheba	"	David Rich,	Jan. 30, 1788,



Anne	"	William Bacon,	Nov. 23, 1789.
Lois	"	Micah Field,	Mar. 14, 1796. (Trinity)
Polly	"	Timothy Goodwin,	Mar. 29, 1790.
Catherine	"	Ebenezar Hutchinson,	May 27, 1792.
Mary	"	William Bell,	June 19, 1793.
Mary	"	John Segar,	Nov. 5, 1797.
Hannah	"	William W. Holland,	Dec. 29, 1796.
James	"	Lydia Leeds,	June 28, 1806.
John	"	Eliza Stays,	July 27, 1807.
Edward L.	"	Mary Farrel,	Apr. 14 (17), 1814. (Christ's)
Samuel H.	"	Abia Cleaveland,	Apr. 7, 1817.
Lemuel	"	Mary Nash,	May 20, 1818.
Thomas	"	Mary Ann Strane,	May 12, 1825.

## MARRIAGES; BOSTON CHURCH RECORDS.

## BRATTLE STREET.

Mrs. Elizabeth	m	John Scottow,	Aug. 13, 1725.
Mrs. Lydia	"	Ebenezar Messenger,	Mar. 4, 1745.
Sarah	"	Joseph Lee,	Dec. 16, 1745.
Abigal,	"	William Perkins,	Dec. 20, 1763.
Mrs. Rebecca	"	John Wakefield,	Mar. 1765.
Jesse	"	Susanna Sumner,	May 31, 1795.
John	"	Mary Comee,	Jan. 18, 1798.

## NEW NORTH.

Hannah	"	Thomas Christy,	Oct. 28, 1760.
CHRIST'S CHURCH.			
Mary	"	Daniel North,	Nov. 14, 1744.
		HOLLIS CHURCH.	
Rebecca	"	Thomas Bottomer,	Oct. 7, 1824.

## NEW SOUTH.

Abigail	"	Edmond Rainger,	Jan. 10, 1760.
Ebenezer of Middleboro	m	Sarah Ripley,	

Plimpton, Apr. 17, 1807.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Hannah	m	Andrew Holland,	Mar. 31, 1855.
Mary Elizabeth	"	Elisha Bassett,	Oct. 4, 1860.

## PARK STREET.

Samuel A.	"	Harriet N. Clement,	July 14, 1853.
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## TRINITY.

Mary	" John Susmith,	Jan. 20, 1747.
Lydia	" Timothy Brummer,	Feb. 3, 1777.

## KING'S CHAPEL.

Judith m	Isaac Evanson, both of Boston,	Oct. 17, 1743.
Thomas "	Mary Austin, " " "	Oct. 26, 1747.
Judith "	Ara (?) Flagg, " " "	Nov. 19, 1749.

## RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP.

Elizabeth, First Church,	Apr. 29, 1711.
Alice, Brattle St.,	July 5, 1719.
Elizabeth, " "	Feb. 7, 1725.
Sarah, " "	Aug. 2, 1741.
Sarah, " "	Nov. 7, 1742.
Ann, " "	1742.
Hannah, " "	Dec. 5, 1742.

## BAPTIZED.

Sarah, 1 w Brattle St. Sponsor,	Elizabeth, Oct. 30, 1726.
Ann, " "	Feb. 25, 1728.
Mary, 1 w " " "	Thomas, Oct. 28, 1733.
Rebecca, " " "	James, July 13, 1735.
John, " " "	James, Dec. 7, 1735.
William, New North,	May 4, 1718.
Sarah, " "	June 26, 1720.
Elizabeth, " "	Dec. 10, 1727.
William, " "	Dec. 30, 1739.
James, " "	May 10, 1741.
Anna, " "	Oct. 26, 1760.
Sarah, adult, " "	Mar. 13, 1719-20.
James, " " "	May 10, 1741.
Samuel, of Samuel and Abigail,	June 23, 1745.
Anna, of James and Anna,	Nov. 23, 1760.
Robert, Ludgate, of Edward L. and Mary,	Mar. 12, 1815.
	Christ's Church.

## ADMITTED TO COMMUNION.

Thankful, Hollis St. Mar. 24, 1751.

## BAPTIZED.

Elizabeth, dau of Charles of Truro,	May 30, 1773.	Trinity.
Elizabeth, infant,	Apr. 2, 1726,	Kings Chapel.



Nicholas, infant of Nicholas Ford and Margaret, King's Chapel.  
 Henry, of John and Sarah, Dec. 16, 1768. " "  
 Mary, infant of Daniel and Bridget, July 21, 1789 " "  
 Mary, Second Church, Dec. 10, 1727.  
 Abigail, and rec'd to Communion Mar. 29, 1741. Second Church.  
 Joseph, of Elizabeth, Mar. 25, 1733. " "  
 Ann, Feb. 11, 1699-0. " "  
 James, Aug. 13, 1704. " "  
 Mary, July 10, 1715. " "  
 John, Dec. 17, 1721. " "  
 Jonathan, July 16, 1710 " "  
 John, Sept. 4, 1718. " "  
 Mary, of Charles and Mary, May 23, 1742, Old South.  
 Sarah, of Mrs. Martha, widow Apr. 25, 1762. , West Church.

## DEATHS. BOSTON TOWN RECORDS.

Mary,	Aug. 13, 1706.
Jonathan,	Nov. 2, 1712.
James,	Aug. 17, 1713.
Margaret,	Sept. 1, 1716.
Jonathan,	June 29, 1716.
James,	Sept. 9, 1716.
Jonathan,	Aug. 27, 1718.
Jonathan,	May 19, 1718,
Jonathan,	Feb. 18, 1719-20.
James, prior to	Nov. 18, 1762.
John, "mason,"	July 1772.

ABRAHAM COX petitions in Boston, Nov. 18, 1696: says he was "wounded at Peinaquid by the Indians about a year ago."\*

EDWARD COX, of Boston, constitutes "my deare and well beloved wife Margaret" his attorney, 1672. He bought land near Halsey's wharf the same year. He died 1675; and Margaret sells house and other property near Halsey's wharf in Boston, to Thomas Thatcher, in 1676.†

EDWARD COX and wife Mary have Edward, born July 13, 1700.‡

\**Acts and Resolves, Mass. Bay Colony*, Vol. 7, p. 519.

†*Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 8, p. 82; Vol. 9, p. 369. *Probate*, 741, 5, 286.

‡*Records*, King's Chapel.



EDWARD COX, of Boston, married Elizabeth Pearson, Jan. 1, 1722. James, infant of Edward and Elizabeth, was baptised in King's Chapel, Oct. 18, 1724.

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THOMAS COX, of Boston, married Abigail Cox, Feb. 26, 1740, and had Abigail, born June 12, 1743.

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JONATHAN COX married Jane Baker, Jan. 1, 1711, and had David, born Nov. 22, 1716, baptised New North Church, Nov. 25, 1716.

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LAMBERT COX married Elizabeth Hinchcomb, Mar. 9, 1726, and had Mary, born July 23, 1730. In the Old Granary Cemetery, left hand side of path from Tremont St. gate, is a stone marked thus: "Here lyes ye Body of Mrs. Mary Cox, wife of Mr. Lambort Cox, aged 69 years. Dec'd Novr ye 25, 1736.

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JOHN COX, of Boston, married Mary, the widow of Nathaniel Sherman, and "daughter of Alice Thomas," and had children as early as 1683.\*

MARY COX, of Boston, "one of the daughters of Alice Thomas" was a widow, Dec. 28, 1697.†

JOHN COX and Mary his wife, have children born in Boston:‡

- i. John, b. May 12, 1672.
- ii. Philip, b. Feb. 9, 1674.

JOHN COX, of Boston, "Gent," lately died at sea, his son John is appointed executor, June 13, 1711.§ John Cox Jr. is "a mariner."

A list of the names of certain "well disposed gentlemen and other persons" who contributed to the repair and refurnishing of King's Chapel in 1718, contains the name of Capt. John Cox. It is not indicated to which of the above classes he belonged, but his contribution — 8 lbs. — the largest save one beside the Governor's, indicates a degree of wealth or a liberal disposition.||

\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 13, p. 59.

†*Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 21, 74.

‡*Boston Records*.

§*Suffolk Probate*, Vol. 33, p. 28.

||*Annals of King's Chapel*, p. 265.

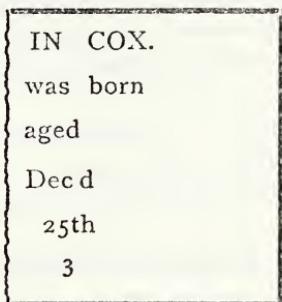


John Cox was vestryman at King's Chapel, 1724 to 1727, and in 1747 pew No. 85 belonged to the heirs of Capt. John Cox.

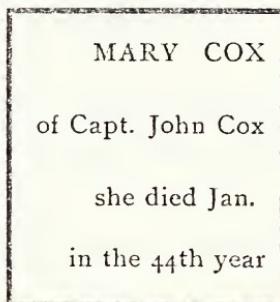
John Cox and Mary his wife had Mary, born Oct. 11, 1724; baptised King's Chapel, Oct. 18, 1724. Capt. John Cox and Mary his wife mortgage a brick house on Leverett's Lane, July 17, 1727.\*

Capt. John Cox of Boston, deceased, his widow Mary administered the estate; the inventory is dated Feb. 19, 1733. He is called "merchant." Widow Mary mentions in her account, "Stays for daughter Molly" and three rings for herself and daughters.† A broken grave stone in King's Chapel Cemetery (north side) bears this partial inscription :

FRONT:



REVERSE SIDE:



Captain John Cox, son of Capt. John Cox, probably died Jan. 25, 1733. John Cox of Boston, mariner, dies. John Doble administers, 1737. ‡

SARAH COX and Edward Curtis, both of Boston, were married in Dorchester, July 18, 1754.

MARY COX, of Boston, widow, deceased 1760. Samuel Sutton and her "daughter Mary" administer. The will mentions "grandson Samuel" and "daughter Elizabeth and her husband."§

MARY COX, of Boston, widow, is administratrix of her late son Joseph Cox, of Boston, "marriner" Aug. 30, 1763. ||

\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 41, p. 97.

†*Suffolk Probate*, 6419.

‡*Suffolk Probate*, 7008.

§*Suffolk Probate*, 12354.

||*Suffolk Probate*, 13319.



JOHN COX "ye less" died in Salem, between Oct. 1689, and 1691.

JAMES COX "Sen. and James Jr." "Gon out Towne" between Oct. 1689 and 1691. Also Ph. Cox. \*

JAMES COX, of Boston, and wife Mary have born in Boston,

- i. Mary, b. Nov. 3, 1696.
- ii. Margaret, b. Aug. 31, 1698.
- iii. Ann, b. Feb. 10, 1699.
- iv. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 13, 1701-2.
- v. James, b. Aug. 12, 1704.
- vi. William, b. Oct. 29, 1707.
- vii. Gidian, b. Aug. 15, 1709.
- viii. Sarah, b. Nov. 4, 1711.
- ix. Richard, b. July 4, 1713.
- x. Benjamin, b. July 10, 1716.

William Cox born in Boston Oct. 29, 1707, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, recruited in 1733. He was a master mariner. †

JAMES COX, of Boston, married Martha Barret Oct. 15, 1761. James Cox, "wheelwright," died 1762, and his wife Margaret administered the estate. ‡

JAMES COX married Anne Smith, June 7, 1716, and have:

- Anne, b. Dec. 28, 1717.
- James, b. Dec. 20, 1719.
- Ann, b. Jan. 20, 1727.

1. JAMES COX married May 28, 1727, Hannah Flagg, sister of Gershom Flagg, a Plymouth proprietor. Their children were:

- i. Ann, b. May 27, 1731.
2. ii. James, b. Sep. 18, 1733.

The following church record may be studied in connection with this family.

#### BAPTISMS. BRATTLE ST. CHURCH.

James, a Sept. 23, 1719.

Hannah, June 16, 1728 Parent and Sponsor James.

Ann, May 16, 1731. " " " James Jr.

James, Sept. 23, 1733. " " " James.

It is quite probable that James Cox, or "Captain James," as

\*Salem Records.

†Hist. Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co.

‡Suffolk Probate, 12886.



he was called, served as a soldier at Louisburg, as the following would seem to indicate.\*

"And the Darkness Comprehended it not. In the East a place                   of, Light, where reigns Silence and peace at Louisburg, Island of Cape Britton in the year of Masonry 5759 and of Salvation 1739. We the Master, Wardens and Sec. of this Worshipful Lodge dedicated to St. John No. 1 Held in his Magesties 28<sup>th</sup> regiment, Commanded by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Lieut. Gen<sup>l</sup>. Philip Brags, adorned with all the honors and assembled by the mysterious number of the above Lodge, Do declare Certify and attest to men lightened spread on the face of the Earth, the Worshipful Brother James Cox hath been received by us an Entered Apprentice Fellow Craft and Master Mason after which he hath behaved himself as becometh the royal craft while a member of our Lodge and recommend him as an honest Regular Mason

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal of our Lodge

E. Huntingford	Master
W <sup>m</sup> Mulholan	S. W.
Mich <sup>l</sup> Walsh	J. W.

Jno. Broodlet Sec  
Louisburg 31<sup>d</sup> of May, 1739."

He is said to have died at sea, leaving a widow and two children: James, who moved to the vicinity of the Kennebec River in 1762, and Hannah, who died unmarried.

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\*Original in possession of George Howland Cox, Cambridge, Mass.



## FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION.

The Fourth Annual Reunion of the Cox Family was held at Lexington, Mass., on Saturday, October 13, 1900, on the invitation of the Historian, Rev. John H. Cox. Over fifty members assembled in the early afternoon and visited the historic Common and Clark House under the skilled guidance of Rev. C. H. Staples of the local Historical Society. The Town Hall relics and the Old Belfry were also inspected; after which a country supper was enjoyed in Historic Hall.

At the evening meeting the Vice-President, Edw. J. Cox, presided, and besides vocal and instrumental music, a paper on the "Cox Name in Old England" was read for the Vice President by Charles M. Cox, and an original poem on a Japanese subject, written by Mrs. Myrtle Darling, was rendered by Mrs. Hyde. Sociability was the strong feature of the evening, and liberal subscriptions were made towards continuing printing pamphlets of the family lines.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

*President* — CHARLES M. COX, Melrose Highlands.

*Vice-Pres.* — FRANK F. NEWELL, - - - Salem.

*Treasurer* — EDWIN B. COX, - - - Brookline.

*Secretary* — EDWARD J. COX, - - - Newtonville.

*Historian* — REV. JOHN H. COX, - - - Lexington.

The meeting was a gratifying success socially and financially, and our Annual Reunion has evidently "come to stay."



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## INFORMATION WANTED.

Identification of any of the Coxes mentioned in these notes, their relation to any Cox family or line, and further information, dates of birth, marriage, death, or record of public service relative to any Cox family, whether mentioned herein or not, is earnestly solicited by the.

HISTORIAN.



2. JAMES<sup>2</sup> COX, (James<sup>1</sup>), called also "Capt. James," is said\* to have been the son of Capt. James<sup>1</sup>, of Boston, and Hannah (Flagg) Cox. He was perhaps the grandson of James and Mary. He was born in Boston, Sept. 18, 1733. His wife was Ann, daughter of Benjamin Babbage of Boston. James<sup>2</sup> Cox, with his wife and two children, settled on the Kennebec, about 1762. He settled first at Gardner town where a five-acre lot was surveyed for him 1762. He was prominent in town affairs, frequently serving as Moderator and Selectman. Aug. 6, 1766, he was from Cobbsconti, Co. of Lincoln, Province of Mass. Bay; is called "housewright" and "glazier"; with his wife Ann, gives a deed to Thomas Read of Boston, of property on Hull St. In 1772, James is at Hallowell. His wife is Ann, one of the daughters of Benjamen Babbage, late of Boston, gent, deceased. They give a deed of house and land set off to the widow of Benj. Babbage now deceased.†

James Cox and wife Anna, have a daughter Anna, baptised in New North Church, Boston, Nov. 23, 1760. James<sup>2</sup> Cox was commissioned as Captain of 1st Co. 2 Regt. Mass. Militia, August 1776.‡ James<sup>2</sup> Cox died Sept. 3, 1809, Mrs. Cox died 1817. Her will is dated Apr. 14, 1810.§

\*North's Hist. of Augusta, Me.

†Suffolk Deeds, Vol. 109, p. 680; Vol. 122, p. 53.

‡Note Book, G. H. C.

#### WILL OF ANNA COCKS.

§"In the name of God Amen. I the said Anna Cocks widow of the late James Cocks of Hallowell deceased being of sound & depositing mind & memory & considering the mortality of the Body, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following."

"And first I do Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it & my body to the Earth to be decently buried and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I do give and dispose of the same in manner and form following."

"Imprimis. I do will and order that all my just Debts that I shall owe to any person or persons at the time of my Decease shall be well and truly paid and discharged out of my estate by my Executor hereinafter mentioned or named."

"Item. I give and bequeath to my Beloved son Gershom Cocks one cow five sheep my bed bedstead and all my bed covering together with a large iron pot and what small articles of furniture that I have here in my possession to have and to hold the same to his use and behoof forever."

"Item. I do give and bequeath unto my beloved son Charles Cocks One Dollar to be paid by my Executor herein named."

"Item. I give & bequeath unto Patty Cocks Wife of Charles Cocks One Cow to her use and behoof forever."



The children of Capt. James and Anna (Babbage, or Beverage) Cox, were:

- i. John b. June 13, 1758; d. 1758.
- ii. Nancy, b. Nov. 4, 1760; m. Jan. 12, 1783, Timothy Page of Hallowell. d. May 7, 1829. 9 children.
- iii. James,\* b. Mar. 16, 1763.
3. iv. Gershom Flagg, b. Dec. 29, 1766.
4. v. Charles, b. Feb. 24, 1768.
- vi. Hannah, b. Feb. 9, 1770; m. Dec. 11, 1794, Jesse Kimball. 3 children.
- vii. John, b. June 12, 1772; d. June 2, 1795.
- viii. George, b. Mar. 27, 1774; d. Oct. 4, 1774.
- ix. Sally, b. July 23, 1775; m. July 28, 1796, Shubal Pitts, of Augusta, Me. 8 children.
- x. Fanny, b. Aug. 2, 1777; m. Jan. 3, 1800, Clement Bunker. 11 children.

3. GERSHOM FLAGG<sup>3</sup> COX (James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) son of Capt. James<sup>2</sup> and Ann (Babbage) Cox was born in Cobbisconte Dec. 29, 1765 (6?) He married Dec. 11, 1794, Sarah daughter of Obed Hussey of Hallowell, Me. He was a master mariner and sailed in the employment of his father-in-law. Later in life he left the sea and took up farming. He was a religious man and a class-leader in the Methodist Church. He died Apr. 12,

"Item. I give unto William Cocks son of Charles & Patty Cocks one sheep."

"Item. I give unto Gershom Cocks Jr., one sheep which he has now got in his possession to his use forever."

"Item. I give unto Melvil and Amely Cocks Children of the above Charles & Patty each one sheep which sheep is to be delivered by my herein named Executor to their use and behoof forever."

"Item. I give and bequeath unto my Four Daughters Nancy Page wife of Timothy Page & Hannah Kimball wife of Jese Kimball Sarah Pitts wife of Shubal Pitts and Fanny Bunker wife of Clement Bunker all my wearing apparel which I shall die possessed of except my large scarlet cloak together with a calico bed spread socalled which I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Sarah Pitts to her use forever and all the other articles to be equally divided among my Four above named Daughters to their use and behoof forever."

"I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my estate of whatever name or nature to be equally divided among all my before mentioned children as though named to their use and benefit forever."

"Likewise Item. I appoint constitute and ordain my Beloved Son Gershom Cocks my sole Executor of all this my Last Will & Testament in Witness whereof the said Anna Cocks have to these presents set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & ten."

Anna Cocks.

"Kennebec SS

"Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said Anna Cocks to be her last Will & Testament in presence of us the subscribers in Hallowell this 14th day of April 1810."

"Nancy Norcross

"Sally H. Norcross

"Robert C. Norcross."

\*Said to have been captured by the Indians when a young man, and kept by them till too old to journey, when he returned to Hallowell, where he died.



1849. Mrs. Cox died Aug. 21, 1850. They had eleven children:

- i. Nancy Ann, b. Sept. 15, 1795; m. Nov. 30, 1818, Isaiah Thing. 5 children.
- ii. Margareta, b. Aug. 28 (29?) 1797; m. 1st, Sept. 9, 1817, Gorham Metcalf. 2 children. m. 2nd, Mar. 1, 1829, John D. Lord. 3 children. d. 1889.
- iii. Julia Ann, b. Sept. 22, 1799; m. 1st, Aug. 27, 1823, Hiram Wells. 1 child m. 2d, Nov. 28, 1833, Capt. E. Hinds. 4 children.
5. iv. Comfort Smith, b. Sept. 22, 1801.
6. v. Arthur, b. Nov. 5, 1803.
7. vi. William Henry, b. Jan. 1, 1806.
- vii. Eliza Ann, b. Oct. 29, 1808; m. Aug. 27, 1829, Frederick Wells. 3 children.
- viii. Delia Ann, b. Apr. 20, 1810; m. Feb. 28, 1828, Shepherd Laughton. 2 children. d. 1836.
8. ix. James Valentine, b. July 1, 1813.
- x. Hester Ann, b. Aug. 9, 1815; m. Oct. 8, 1838, Geo. W. Howland.
9. xi. Gershom Leander, b. Nov. 28, 1817.

4. CHARLES<sup>3</sup> COX (James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) of Hallowell, Me., son of Capt. James and Nancy (Babbage) Cox born Feb. 24, 1768, married Feb. 19, 1794, Martha, daughter of Andrew Goodwin, of Hallowell. 7 children:

- i. William Barron, b. Dec. 19, 1794; d. July 6, 1819.
- ii. James Goodwin, b. May 31, 1797; d. July 1819.
10. iii. Melville Babbage, { b. Nov. 9, 1799.
11. iv. Gershom Flagg, } b. Nov. 9, 1799.
- v. Emily Melville, b. Sept. 3, 1803.
- vi. Hannah Martha, b. Aug. 19, 1806;
- vii. Martha Jane, b. Nov. 4, 1808.

5. COMFORT SMITH<sup>4</sup> COX, (Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Gershom Flagg and Sarah (Hussey) Cox, born Sept. 26, 1801. He was a master mariner and married July 22, 1827, Abigail L. Smiley, of whom were born four children. Mrs. Cox died Oct. 1890.

- i. Sarah H. b. May 3, 1828; m. May 27, 1851, Jacob G. Fletcher. 4 ch'l'n.
- ii. Mary Corey, b. May 5, 1830; m. Jan. 17, 1856, Edwin J. Benner.
- iii. Barrett A., b. Feb. 8, 1834; m. July 11, 1859, Victoria L. Bailey. 3 ch.
- iv. Lizzie A., b. Nov. 22, 1837; m. Frank Davenport. 1 child.

6. ARTHUR<sup>4</sup> COX (Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), of Hallowell, Me., son of Gershom and Sarah (Hussey) Cox, was a shipmaster, born Nov. 5, 1803. Married April 22, 1827, Julia M. Pierce, and died Aug. 19, 1868, in Fairhaven, Mass. 6 children:

- I. Elizabeth P., b. Mar. 17, 1829; m. Aug. 19, 1857, David McDaniel. 1 child.
- ii. Sarah F., b. April 31, 1831; d. Feb. 2, 1835.
- iii. Arthur P., born Feb. 1, 1833.
- iv. William W., b. Dec. 22, 1835.
- v. Sarah F., b. Sept. 6, 1837; d. Sept. 16, 1837.
- vi. Sarah F., b. Dec. 13, 1841; m. Edmond Anthony.



7. WILLIAM HENRY<sup>4</sup> COX (Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) of Hallowell, Me., son of Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Hussey) Cox was master of a whaling-ship. He was born June 1, 1806. Married Oct. 19, 1830, Sarah Corey, of Boston. He died in San Francisco, Cal. 4 children:

- i. William T., b. Dec. 10, 1832; m. Avis Trip.
- ii. Delia A., b. May 1, 1837.
- 12. iii. Barney Corey, b. Apr. 21, 1839.
- iv. Maria H., b. Dec. 27, 1845; m. July 28, 1867, Frank Forbes. 1 child.

8. JAMES VALENTINE<sup>4</sup> COX (Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Capt. Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Husey) Cox. He was born in Hallowell, Me., July 1, 1813. He followed the sea for the greater portion of his life, sailing in various capacities on whaling ships from New Bedford, Mass., where he made his home. He steadily rose in his profession to the position of master, making many successful voyages and amassing considerable wealth. After retiring from a seafaring life, he was appointed Inspector of Customs at New Bedford, for several years, and held other positions of trust and honor in his adopted town. He married Nov. 19, 1838, Mercy Nye, daughter of John and Mercy Howland, of Fairhaven. Mrs. Cox died Dec. 16, 1868. They had three children. James Valentine<sup>4</sup> Cox married as his second wife, Annie E. Edwards, Oct. 5, 1859. He died Nov. 23, 1884, beloved and honored by a large circle of friends. His children were:

- i. James Nye, b. Apr. 10, 1844; m. 1, June 3, 1868, Lizzie F. Sawin; m. 2d Edith MacKenzie.
- ii. Myra Mira, b. Oct. 26, 1851; d. Nov. 26, 1852.
- 13. iii. George Howland, b. Oct. 9, 1854.

9. GERSHOM LEANDER<sup>4</sup> COX (Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) of Pittston, son of Gershom Flagg<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Hussey) Cox, was a ship master, born Nov. 28, 1817. He married 1, Aug. 1, 1841, Frances A. Smiley. She died Mar. 29, 1858, leaving four children. He married 2d, Dec. 15, 1858, Elizabeth A. Scott, to whom was born five children. He died Oct. 30, 1877.

- i. Mary Melville, b. June 5, 1842.
- ii. Anne Flagg, b. Aug. 5, 1848.
- iii. Herbert B., b. Dec. 11, 1849; d. Aug. 1, 1855.
- iv. Harry L., b. May 5, 1855; d. Aug. 30, 1855.
- v. Ella Flagg, b. Sept. 23, 1859.
- vi. William P., b. Nov. 1, 1860.
- vii. Susan Scott, b. Jan. 12, 1862.
- viii. Albert Scott, b. Nov. 12, 1863.
- ix. Jesse L., b. Mar. 11, 1867.



10. REV. MELVILLE BABBAGE<sup>4</sup> COX (Charles<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Charles and Martha (Goodwin) Cox, born Nov. 9, 1799,— a twin brother of Rev. Gershon Flagg<sup>4</sup> (to be distinguished from Capt. Gershon Flagg<sup>3</sup> Cox, son of James). He married Feb. 1829, Ellen C. Lee. He was a Methodist clergyman, and the first missionary to Africa, where he died July 21, 1833, at the age of 33. Among his last words were these :— “Let a thousand fall before Africa be given up.” His memory is still fragrant among the people for whom he gave his life. He left one child :

- i. Martha G.

11. REV. GERSHOM FLAGG<sup>4</sup> COX (Charles<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), son of Charles<sup>3</sup> and Martha (Goodwin) Cox, and twin of Rev. Melville Babbage, born Nov. 9, 1799, was, like his brother, a Methodist minister of note. He married Sept. 27, 1827, Susan T. Merritt, by whom he had twelve children :

- i. Emily Melville, b. Sept. 21, 1828 ; d. Sept. 22, 1829.
- ii. Ellen Margaret, b. Feb. 9, 1830.
- iii. Margaret Maria, b. Oct. 8, 1831 ; d. Mar. 24, 1861.
- iv. Melville B., b. July 6, 1833 ; d. Dec. 16, 1837.
- v. Sarah K., b. Dec. 25, 1835.
- vi. Charles G., b. Nov. 16, 1837.
- vii. George M. S., b. Sept. 19, 1839.
- viii. Merritt C., b. Mar. 10, 1841.
- ix. Emily M., b. June 22, 1843.
- x. Mary M., b. June 20, 1845 ; d. Mar. 10, 1846.
- xi. Louisa C. { b. July 22, 1850 ; d. { Aug. 5, 1850.
- xii. Walter H. { b. Nov. 22, " "

12. BARNEY COREY<sup>5</sup> COX (William Henry<sup>4</sup>, Gershon Flagg<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) of Watertown, Mass., was the son of William Henry<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Corey) Cox, of Hallowell, Me. He was born Apr. 21, 1839, and in early life was a sailor. He married Sept. 8, 1864, Sarah A., daughter of Charles and Orissa Gerry, of Sudbury, and died Mar. 29, 1887. There were six children :

- i. William H., b. Nov. 29, 1865.
- ii. Marie Louise, b. Nov. 5, 1869 ; d. Sept. 13, 1870.
- iii. Herbert Franklin, b. Nov. 19, 1871. d.
- iv. Ethel Howard, b. Feb. 16, 1874 ; d. April 16, 1876.
- v. Florence, b. d.
- vi. Alice M., b. Nov. 19, 1880.

13. GEORGE HOWLAND COX<sup>5</sup> (James Valentine<sup>4</sup>, Gershon Flagg<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), the youngest son of James Valentine and Mercy (Nye Howland) Cox, was born in Fairhaven,



Mass., Oct. 9, 1854. He received an appointment to a cadetship at West Point, where he was admitted May, 1871. Ill health compelled him to return to the more peaceful ways of a business life, in which he has won eminent success. He has held positions of trust and honor in the city of Cambridge, and is prominent in the social life of the University Town. He married Sept. 25, 1877, Ella Parkhurst, youngest daughter of Zenas and Mary Toby Whittemore, of New Bedford. They have one son :

- i. George Howland, b. Feb. 8, 1880.
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#### NOTES.

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John Cox m widd<sup>o</sup> Mary Hill, at Dover, N. H., May 22, 1694.\*

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Capt. Nicholas Cox and Ensign Richard Cox are British officers serving in America in 1754-1774.

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Robert Cox has a bad word after his name at St. Georges in 1772.†

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William Cox, of Waltham, was a lieutenant under Capt. Jonathan Brown, at Lake George.‡

Ben Cox, aged 20, enlisted 1760.

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Ebenezer Cox is a corporal in Capt. Chas. Morris's Co., Gen. Waldo's Regt. of foot, raised in the province of Mass., for the reduction of Canada, Sept. 8, 1747.§

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Benjamin, a private in Thos. White's Co., Col. Wm. Hiath's regt., marched on alarm Apr. 19, 1775, from Brookline, belonged in Brookline, served 23 days.||

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\**Hist. Milford.*

†*Gen. Reg.*, Vol. 46, p. 9.

‡*Bond's Watertown.*

§*Gen. Reg.*, Vol. 27.

||*Mass. Archives.*



Ezekiel Cox was a minute-man from Harvard, Mass., marched to Cambridge, Apr. 19, 1775; deserted.\* Served in the eighth regiment from Apr. 1, 1777, to Mar. 23, 1780.† An infant child died Mar. 17, 1780. Lucy of Harvard, married Simeon Turner, 1783.

• John Cox, of Boston, "heel maker," died 1805. Oliver Howe is guardian of his children, all minors, Jan. 27, 1806; John and Thomas were more than 14 years of age, Nov. 25, 1805. There are eight children :

- i. John.
- ii. Thomas.
- iii. Lydia.
- iv. Priscilla.
- v. Abigail.
- vi. Lemuel.
- vii. Sally.
- viii. James.

Jonathan U. Cox, of Brookline, married Lucinda Blood, Aug. 31, 1807.‡

George Briggs Cox, "a mariner," Boston, died 1813. Inventory dated Aug. 23. Mary, widow, admx. appointed Aug. 9, 1813.||

Thomas Cox, of Boston, married Joanna Field of Dorchester, Jan. 15, 1815, Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris officiating. Mrs. Joanna, wife of Thomas Cox, died 1825, aged 34.§

Miss Sarah E. Cox, of Dedham, married Marshall Newell, of Canton, Mass., April 24, 1842.¶

\**Unidentified Cambridge Marriages.*

Hannah, m. Henry Otheman, Feb. 25, 1826.

Priscilla, of Boston, m. Robert H. Reves, Jan. 20, 1836.

Rebecca, m. Lucius I. Cummings, of Dedham, Dec. 10, 1833.

\**Hist. of Harvard*, pp. 316, 341.

†*Suffolk Probate*, Vol. 103, p. 558; Vol. 104, pp. 44-5.

‡Wyman.

||*Suffolk Probate*, Vol. 24, p. 258.

§*Record Com. Report*, Vol. 21.

¶*Canton Records*.

\*Information solicited.



Annie Adams, of Boston, m. Albert E. Connor, Apr. 2, 1840.  
 Annie M., m. James West, Dec. 12, 1847.  
 Henry S., m. Hannah E. Snow, Mar. 29, 1849.  
 Hannah Maria, m. Samuel Orne.

William H. Cox, a grocer of Boston, died within six months of Jan. 16, 1871. His widow, Eliza A., is administratrix and guardian of the children :

- i. Clarence, b. Jan. 14, 1856.
- ii. Joseph, b. Oct. 16, 1858.
- iii. Carrie, b. April 2, 1861.

Matthew Cox\*, of Boston, 1653, came, it is said, in 1638, aged 15, married Aug. 29, 1654, Elizabeth Roberts; they had :

- Matthew, b. Sept. 5, 1659.  
 Richard, b. Sept. 6, 1658.  
 John, b. Sept. 2, 1666,  
 Samuel, b. Feb. 1668.

Richard Cox, of Salisbury, brother of Matthew, came with him, it is said, in 1638, 13, lived some years at Boston, before and after, 1650, when he was at Salisbury; there, by wife Martha, had :

Caleb Cox, b. Aug. 15, 1666, was of Brookfield, 1673, there killed by the Indians, Aug. 2, 1675. Perhaps he and his brother were brought by sister Mary, who married John Lake, of Boston.

William Cox, was one of the first settlers, 1637, at Taunton,

Samuel Cox†, probably of New England stock, was born June 22, 1800, and died in Belle Plain, Ill., Nov. 10, 1880. He was twice married, and his first wife's name was Nancy. By her he had nine children. Mrs. Nancy Cox was born July 1, 1805. Samuel Cox married second, a woman — name unknown — who was born Feb. 20, 1823. They had one child :

- i. Elizabeth Ann, b. Jan. 30, 1823; m. Foster; d. Jan. 30, 1843.
- ii. Hannah J., b. Mar. 15, 1834; d. Mar. 23, 1835.
- iii. Thomas, b. Mar. 19, 1825.
- iv. Absolam, b. Juue 14, 1827.
- v. Franklin, b. June 14, 1829.
- vi. Sarah B., b. Aug. 7, 1831; m. Roe; d. Nov. 19, 1879; 7 children.
- vii. Lavinia, b. Apr. 29, 1836; m. McBerey.
- viii. John, b. Aug. 4, 1839: d. Dec. 19, 1890; 2 children, Sarah and Ora.
- ix. Isabelle, b. July 26, 1843; m. Smart; 2 children.
- x. Milton H., b. Oct. 17, 1850.

\*Spirit of '76, November, 1899.

†Notes by Mrs. J. M. Riggle, Fairburg, Nebraska.



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NOTE.—No. 8 is a continuation of the descendants of Robert Cox, account of which began in No. 4.



12. WALTER<sup>3</sup> COX (Mathew<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Mathew<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Russell) Cox, born in Cambridge, 1744. He married Judith, the daughter of John Deland, of Charlestown, Nov. 16, 1769. He was a tanner by trade, and tradition says, "He removed to New York." Several transactions not altogether indicative of thrift are recorded in Middlesex Decds, 1783-1786, and Mrs. Judith Cox, with her sons William and Upham, were in straightened circumstances in Charlestown, Mar. 5, 1807. The records of the First Parish in Lexington have the following entry under date of July 9, 1775: "Susanna Cox, of Walter Cox, who had owned the covenant at Cambridge baptized." The summer of 1775 was "very warm" in this section, and Walter, who was fighting the Red-coats at this time, doubtless sent his family to Lexington for safety. Walter's<sup>3</sup> war record\* is in Mass. Archives at the State House. Children:

- i. Elizabeth, bap. Jan. 18, 1770.
- 26. ii. Walter, bap. June 6, 1773.
- iii. Susanna, bap. July 9, 1775; m. June 21, 1793, Nathaniel Faulkner.
- iv. William, b. Sept. 7, 1777; bap. Feb. 7, 1779.
- v. John Hobbs, b. Apr. 7, 1782.
- vi. John Upham, b. Mar. 6, 1785.
- vii. Samuel, b. Sept. 26, 1788.

13. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> COX (Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Cambridge, the son of Mathew<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Russell) Cox, was baptized in Cambridge, Sept. 28, 1746. He was by occupation "a saddler," and resided on the "old homestead" in what was then known as "West Cambridge." He married for his first wife, Nov. 16, 1768, Lydia Cooper. He married 2d, Feb. 16, 1775, Jemima Hussey. After his death his widow married Aug. 18, 1778, one John Christian Fricke. Tradition reports that Mrs. Cox 2d hid in the cellar with her son Samuel<sup>4</sup>, and watched the British march by to Lexington, Apr. 19, 1775, the husband and father being with the Minute men. A record of military service without doubt belonged to Samuel<sup>3</sup> Cox.† Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Lydia (Cooper) Cox had two children, a son and a daughter. Authorities‡ differ as to the dates of birth: we give the most

\*Mass. "Soldiers and Sailors," Vol. IV, pp. 55, 56.

†Mass. "Soldiers and Sailors," Vol. IV, p. 56.

‡Cambridge City Records.

Hist. of Arlington, Cutter.

Family Bible. F. A. Cox, Cambridgeport.



probable. Lydia, the daughter, lived and died among the Shakers at Harvard, Mass.

- i. Lydia, b. Apr. 4, 1767; d. 1833.
- 27. ii. Samuel, b. 1769; d. Dec. 26, 1848.

14. Matthew<sup>3</sup> Cox (Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), the son of Matthew<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Russell) Cox was baptized Mar. 27, 1748. The record of his enlistment in the continental service makes him 27 years of age May 4, 1775.\* Tradition reports that Matthew<sup>3</sup> went to "Onion River, Vt.", or "to Canada," "where he died, leaving a family."

The Records of King's Chapel give us the following : Matthew Cox of the 43d Regiment, whose wife's name was Mary, had :

- i. Thomas, bap. Nov. 9, 1767.
- ii. Thomas, bap. Nov. 13, 1774.

15. William<sup>3</sup> Cox (Matthew<sup>2</sup> Robert<sup>1</sup>) baptized Apr. 8, 1750, married Mary Sawin in 1779, and tradition says, "went to Vermont" [Family Bible]. One William Cox occupied the estate of John and Daniel Russell in Charlestown in 1798 [Wyman]. There was a William Cox who was a Lieutenant in the 5th Regiment "King's Own," and was wounded [?] in the arm in the affair of April 19, 1775. Why was not William<sup>3</sup> Cox with his five brothers in continental service ? If he were, where is the record ? Of his children, John is said to have moved to Ohio.

- i. William
- ii. John.
- iii. Joseph.

16. Joseph<sup>3</sup> Cox (Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Matthew<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Russell) Cox, was baptized in 1752. He was a "Minnit Man," and with his brothers Matthew and Benjamin, a member of Capt. Benjamin Lock's Cambridge Company, which later formed a part of the 37th Regiment, commanded by Lieut. Col. Wm. Bond. In a company return dated Camp Prospect Hill, Oct. 6, 1775, Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Matthew<sup>3</sup> are both mentioned, Matthew as being "in the Quebec Detachment." The Mass. Archives have this entry : "Joseph Cox, age 24, 5ft. 8in., enlisted May 4, 1775."

Joseph<sup>3</sup> lost a leg in the service, and was well known in

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\*Mass. Archives, Miscellaneous Rolls, V. 49, p. 51.



Cambridge and Woburn after the war. Leonard Cox writes in the family record, "I have often seen him." Jennie, the wife of Joseph Cox, died in Woburn, Mar. 24, 1816.\* Joseph Cox, a laborer, had lived in Wilmington more than six months, died leaving no heirs. Administrator appointed† April 26, 1825. Joseph<sup>3</sup> is said to have died in Woburn. One child:

- i. Matthew, bap. Feb. 12, 1786.

17. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Cox (Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), the youngest son and child of Matthew<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Russell) Cox was born in Cambridge, Mar. 7, 1756, a few weeks subsequent to his father's accidental death. He was married by Rev. Moses Everett to Mrs. Susanna (Tolman) Leeds, of Dorchester. They resided in Dorchester, where their first two children were born. Later they lived in Cambridge, then in Hatter's Square, Boston, where Benjamin<sup>3</sup> died Nov. 25, 1795. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> was a Minute man in Capt. Benjamin Lock's Company, organized prior to Apr. 5, 1775. He was with his regiment, the 27th Continental Foot, in Camp Prospect Hill, Oct. 6, 1775, and probably participated in the engagements of April 19 and June 17, 1775. Children:

- i. "Sukee," b. May 19, 1780; d. 1861, unmarried.
- 28. ii. Benjamin, b. Aug. 28, 1782.
- 29. iii. Matthew, b. Feb. 5, 1785.
- iv. Nancy, bap. Apr. 12, 1786; m. Dec. 9, 1815, Jacob Townsend. 8ch. d. Oct. 9, 1878.

18. James<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) of Marblehead, Mass., was the son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Hannah (Stacy) Cox, born on Cranberry Island. He married, "first marriage," Sept. 25, 1783, Margaret Standley, of Marblehead. He was a "mariner" and died at sea about 1804. Widow Margaret died Mar. 8, 1837. Their children were:

- 30. i. James, b. June 17, 1784.
- ii. Hannah, b. Nov. 26, 1788; d. 1802, unmarried.
- iii. Margaret, m. Millet.
- iv. Joseph, killed by R. R. accident.

19. William<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup> [?] William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was probably the son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Rogers) Cox, born in Dorchester Jan. 26, bap. Feb. 10, 1751. His wife's name was

\*Woburn Town Records.

†Middlesex Probate, 3577.



Mary. "William and Molly, residing in Dorchester"\*\* have children born in Dorchester :

- i. Polly, b. Jan. 4 (June 17), 1783.
- ii. William, b. and bap. Aug. 15, 1784.
- iii. Daniel, b. Apr. 9, 1786.

20. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), called in the records "Samuel Jr." was the second son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Rogers) Cox, born in Dorchester, Oct. 6, 1760. He married Miss Mary Thayer, of Randolph (record, "both of Dorchester"), Oct. 3, 1783, Rev. Moses Everett officiating. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Jr. has a Revolutionary record† at Milton River, Dorchester Heights, Long Island and Burgoyne's Campaign. In 1784 he joined the Dorchester 1st Church, and in 1808 was instrumental in the formation of the Second Parish. He was "a Cordwainer," or harness maker, and farmer. Dedham Deeds record various transactions, indicating considerable ownership of real estate. Samuel<sup>4</sup> died May 9, 1813, aged 82. His children were seven :

- i. Sarah Trott, b. Dec. 25, 1783; bap. June 4, 1784; d. 1866, unm.
- 31. ii. William, bap. Feb. 12, 1786.
- 32. iii. Samuel, bap. Apr. 20, 1788.
- iv. Abigail, b. Oct. 1790; d. Oct. 1790.
- 33. v. John, b. Dec. 1791, bap. Jan. 1, 1792.
- 34. vi. George, bap. Oct. 27, 1793.
- vii. Mary, b. May, 1796; m. 1815, John Ellis, of Medfield; d. 1851.

21. Henry<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the first child of Samuel<sup>3</sup> by his second wife Elizabeth (Bird) Cox, born in Dorchester, Mass., May 30, baptized June 26, 1768. He was said to be of "Newtowne" in 1795, and was married June 12 by the Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris to Mrs. Sarah (Davenport) Bussey, of Dorchester. In the following year, 1796, he is a paper maker in Dorchester, and sells a piece of "rocky land with stream running through it" in Newton, at "so called Lower Falls." His wife Sally Davenport and Lemuel Cox appear by signature on the deed. Henry's wife died Aug. 30, 1799. "Capt. Henry Cox" with wife Betsey, have several children born in Dorchester, from 1804 to 1818. Henry<sup>4</sup> is still in the paper business in Dorchester, 1807 to 1819. In 1819 he removed to North Yarmouth, Me., where he built a paper mill

\*Dorchester Records.

†Mass. Soldiers and Sailors, Vol. IV, p. 54.



for his two sons.\* Capt. Henry died of consumption, Feb. 1, 1824, aged 56. The first reunion of Cox Families was held at the old homestead at Mattapan. Mrs. Betsey Cox died Oct. 5, 1861, aged 84 years, 5 months.

- 35. i. George, b. Nov. 21, bap. Dec. 6, 1795.
- 36. ii. "Harry," b. Nov. 20, 1797.
- iii. A child d. Dec. 8, 1799.
- iv. Thomas, b. May 16, 1804; d. Jan. 21, 1824.
- v. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Dec. 1807.
- vi. A child d. Oct. 22, 1808.
- vii. A child d. Sept. 25, 1811.
- viii. A child d. (age 2) May 20, 1819.
- ix. William, bap. Sept. 27, 1818; d. May 1, 1820.

22. Robert<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), born in Dorchester Nov. 19, 1769; probably married Lois Merryfield, June 30, 1791. "Robert Cox, a great-grandson of the first Robert, deceased in Scituate, 1831. He had been a Revolutionary soldier."† Robert<sup>4</sup> had a son:

- i. Robert.

23. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Bird) Cox, was born Sept. 26, 1773. He was a paper manufacturer at Chicopee Falls in company with his brother Lemuel. He married in 1803, Sarah Bowman, of Amherst, Mass., by whom he had eight children:

- i. Caroline, b. Feb. 27, 1804; d. 1892, unm.
- ii. Lemuel, b. Apr. 24, 1805; d. June 8, 1830.
- iii. Thomas, b. July 24, 1806; d. 1835; no children.
- iv. Almira, b. Apr. 18, 1809; m. Warren Bissell, 8 ch. - d. Bristol, Conn.
- v. Susan, b. Oct. 3, 1811; m. Sept. 14, 1829, Henry Hyde, 9 ch. - d. Feb. 21, 1898.
- vi. Benjamin Franklin, b. Oct. 31, 1813; m. Clarissa Clark; d. Wisconsin.
- 37 vii. Samuel Bird, b. Sept. 26, 1815.
- viii. Reuben, b. supposed lost at sea; unm.

24. Lemuel<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Rogers) Cox, was born July 22, 1777. He was called "Captain" having served a term at sea; but his chief occupation was paper manufacturing, or the construction of paper mills. He built by contract the first paper mill in Chicopee, Mass., in 1811. He stood high in Masonic circles,

\*Dorchester Records and History. Middlesex Deeds, Vol. 121, p. 451. Note-book of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Cox.

†Dean's Hist. of Scituate, p. 238.



and was three times married. His first wife was a Bird; his second and third, widows. He had no children. Later in life he lived in what is now Burneside, about 6 miles from Hartford, Ct., where he died in 1867, aged 90.

25. Isaac<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Dorchester, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bird) Cox, and twin of Ruth Cox, was born in Dorchester, Aug. 10, 1781. He married first, Dec. 1, 1808, Martha Quimby, of Sacarappa, Maine, by whom he had two children. She died Oct. 12, 1812, and he married second, Aug. 6, 1817, Mary Wentworth, of Canton, Mass., by whom he had nine children. Isaac<sup>4</sup> Cox died June 1, 1840, and was buried in Codman Cemetery, Dorchester. He was at one time half owner and Captain of the sloop Emily, and later a Neponset River Pilot.

- i. Martha, b. July 23, 1809; d. Sept. 5, 1810.
- ii. Martha, b. Mar. 23, 1811; m. Charles G. Bird; d. July 15, 1880.
- iii. Persis, b. May 11, 1813; m. 1837-8, Levi Folsom; d. June 20, 1840.
- iv. Mary, b. Feb. 3, 1820; d. June 14, 1851;
- v. Sarah, b. Jan. 30, 1822; d. Feb. 3, 1879; m. 1st, 1850, John M. Brown; m. 2d, Apr. 16, 1857, James L. Jacobs.
- vi. Betsey Hawes, b. Mar. 10, 1824; d. May 15, 1849.
- vii. Louisa, b. Mar. 10, 1826; m. Isaiah N. Kyder; d. Mar. 8, 1851.
- viii. Ruth, b. Oct. 22, 1828; m. Nov. 28, 1867, John R. Felton.
- ix. Jane, b. Feb. 8 (Sept. 28?), 1830; m. Apr. 1, 1857, Isaac Smith Houghton.
- x. Susan, b. May 31, 1832; d. Feb. 3, 1833.
- xi. Isaac, b. Mar. 13, 1834; d. Feb. 28, 1861.
- xii. Joseph, b. May 4, 1838; d. Mar. 17, 1839.

26. Walter<sup>4</sup> Cox (Walter<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Walter<sup>3</sup> and Judith (Deland) Cox, was baptized June 6, 1773. He married Dec. 11, 1796, Susanna Smith. May 9, 1807, Susanna Cox, of Cambridge, showeth that Walter Cox, a laborer, died within thirty days, having several minor children.\* Walter<sup>4</sup> Cox died April 27, 1807. Children :

- i. Susanna, b. Mar. 27-8, 1797.
- ii. Sarah, b. Oct. 28, 1799,
- iii. Walter, b. Nov. 5, 1801.

27. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) of Cambridge, was the only son of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Lydia (Cooper) Cox, born in West Cambridge [prob.] in 1769 and died Dec. 25, 1848. He married Mar. 14, 1793, Fanny, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Watson, whose estate was near the old "Murdock Tavern." Mrs. Fanny Cox was a woman of strong religious instincts, and incidents illustrative of Christian character are still related of

\*Middlesex Probate.



her by her old neighbors. A house now [1899] standing a little north of the North Cambridge R. R. station, was built by Samuel<sup>4</sup> on the site of a little cottage, the home of his father Samuel<sup>3</sup>, and probably of his grandfather Matthew<sup>2</sup>. The Coxes were socially inclined, and were prominent in their circle. Mrs. Fanny lived to the age of 90 years. In later life she was cared for by her son Leonard<sup>5</sup>, who in 1855 was appointed her guardian, and at her death, April 27, 1855, inherited her property and administered her estate.\* Samuel<sup>4</sup> and his wife were buried in the family tomb in the old cemetery opposite Harvard College. Their children were :

- 38. i. Samuel, b. Nov. 9, 1793.
- 39. ii. Leonard, b. Mar. 3, 1796.
- iii. Fanny, b. July 7, 1800; bap. Sept. 9, 1827; m. Ira Moe; d. 1848.
- 40. iv. Elbridge, b. May 4, 1806.

28. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the eldest son of Benjamin and Susanna (Tolman Leeds) Cox. He was born in Dorchester, Aug. 28, and baptized Sept. 1, 1782. He went to Lynfield, Mass., 1795, and lived with one Deacon Aborn, afterwards serving an apprenticeship at shoe-making with Col. Burnham. He married Oct. 23, 1805, Clarissa, daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Bancroft) Emerson, and settled in Reading, Mass., where for seven and a half years he followed his trade of shoe-making. He then returned to Col. Burnham's, with whom he remained two years, and finally bought the farm where he afterwards resided. Benjamin served in the war of 1812, and died March 5, 1873. His children were :

- i. Clarissa Emerson, b. Aug. 8, 1806; m. May 18, 1826, Reuben Weston 3 ch.; d. July 9, 1897.
- ii. Susan, b. Aug. 27, 1808; m. Nov. 30, 1826, Sumner Pratt, 9 ch.; d. Oct. 10, 1887.
- 41. iii. Benjamin, b. Dec. 12, 1810.
- 42. iv. Thomas Emerson, b. July 28, 1813.
- v. Hubbard, b. ; d. inf.
- vi. Hannah Emerson, b. Apr. 15, 1818; m. Nov. 29, 1838, Irenas Newcomb, 6 ch.
- vii. Harriet Orne, b. Mar. 12, 1821; m. Nov. 18, 1841, Charles Leonard Bayrd, 2 ch.
- viii. Caroline L., b. June 3, 1823; d. May 5, 1825.
- 43. ix. Hubbard Emerson, b. Sept. 3, 1825,
- 44. x. George, b. Apr. 8, 1828.
- xi. Parmelia Orne, b. Nov. 17, 1820; d. Jan. 11, 1832.

29. Matthew<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was born in Cambridge, Feb. 5, 1785. In early life he worked at shoe-making with Col. Burnham at Lynfield. After becoming of age:

\*Middlesex Probate, 22433, 22451



he followed the sea, making at least one trip to Brest, France. Still later he is in the tobacco business at Andover, Mass. He has a record of one day of service as a Lieutenant in the war of 1812, and afterward bore the rank of Colonel of the 4th Infantry Regiment State Militia.

He married Apr. 6, 1806, for his first wife Betsey Motey, and Apr. 1814, second wife Charlotte Emerson, a sister of his brother Benjamin's wife, and relative of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Children :

- i. Betsey Motey, b. Aug. 4, 1806; d. Sept. 2, 1808.
- 45. ii. Charles Motey, b. Apr. 22, 1815.
- 46. iii. John Orne, b. Jan. 22, 1818.
- 47. iv. William Emerson, b. June 7, 1820.
- v. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. Dec. 28, 1822; d. June 8, 1824.
- 48. vi. Matthew, b. June 3, 1825.
- vii. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. May 2, 1828; d. Aug. 29, 1839.

30. James<sup>5</sup> Cox (James<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Marblehead, was the eldest son of James<sup>4</sup> and Margaret (Stanley) Cox, born in Marblehead, June 17, 1784. He married Feb. 14, 1813, Hannah Main. Like his father, James<sup>5</sup> was a sailor. James Cox, "mate," died Jan. 1827. Hannah Cox, widow of James Cox, died 1848, aged 59.\* Of the children† James<sup>6</sup> went to California in 1847, and not since reported. William Main died in Calcutta unmarried.

- i. Hannah, b. Feb. 12, 1814; m. John Adams, Feb. 20, 1845; 3 ch.
- ii. James, b. July 8, 1816.
- iii. William Main, b. Feb. 26, 1818; d. June 11, 1842.
- 49. iv. Samuel, b. Aug. 27, 1819.

31. William<sup>5</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Dorchester, was the eldest son of Samuel<sup>4</sup>, called "Samuel Jr." and Mary (Thayer) Cox, baptized Feb. 12, 1786. He died June 21, 1872, at the age of 26 years, leaving a son :

- 50. i. William.

32. Samuel<sup>5</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel and Mary (Thayer) Cox, was baptized in Dorchester, Apr. 20, 1788. At an early date he was living at Saccarappa, Me., as a paper manufacturer. The mill in which his business was carried on was burned in 1810. Here he married ("Intention Apr. 20, 1811") Sally, the daughter of William Babb. Samuel<sup>5</sup> died prior to 1820, leaving two sons :

- 51. i. William, b. 1813.
- 52. ii. George.

\*Essex Institutes.

†A daughter d. Dec. 24, 1819.  
A child d. Oct. 15, 1821.



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1. ELISHA COX of Weston was "under 21 years of age" and "servant of Ebenezer Hobbs of Weston" Apr. 1741. Hence he was born about 1721-2. He married about 1741 Anna, the daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Warren.\* Elisha Cox and Anna "own the covenant" Jan. 31, 1741-2.

There was an Elisha Cox, born in Dorchester who was 38 years old when he enlisted in 1760, hence born 1722. Elisha Cox was an ensign in Col. Gardner's Regiment, the 37th, (after the rearrangement at Cambridge, in Nov. 1776, the 25th.) He died probably of small pox June 25, 1776, at Isle Aux Noix, on the Expedition against Canada. In a letter dated "Crown Point, July 11, 1776," Col. Wm. Bond† commanding 25th Regt. writes: "Ensign Cox, a good officer, died June 25.‡ The children of Elisha and Anna (Warren) Cox were probably:

- i. Anna, b. July 21, 1741; m. Dec. 31, 1766, Wm. Learned.
- ii. Esther, b. Oct. 4, 1743; m. (Pub. Mar. 15) 1766, Nathaniel Bemis.
- iii. Sybil, b. Nov. 6, 1745; m. in Waltham, Apr. 11, 1765, William Chenery.
- 2. iv. Elisha, b. Apr. 28, 1748.
- 3. v. Artemas, bap. July 8, 1762.
- 4. vi. Eli.

2. Elisha<sup>2</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>1</sup>) of Weston, was the son of Elisha<sup>1</sup> and Anna Warren Cox, born April 28, 1748. He married Oct. 28, 1768, Sarah Bemis. Bond says: "He died in the army." He had a son under 14 years of age, Sept. 2, 1782,§ who perhaps married Molly Bruce, of Marlboro.||

- 5. i. Elisha b. about 1767-8.

3. Artemas<sup>2</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>1</sup>) of Weston, son of Elisha<sup>1</sup> and Anna (Warren) Cox, baptized July 8, 1762; married Sally Flagg in Waltham, May 18, 1786. He was a Revolutionary soldier: ¶ He enlisted Apr. 1, 1778, for 3 months guard service at Cambridge as a private in Capt. Daniel Harrington's Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt. Also: Oct. 3, 1778 to Dec. 3, 1778. Also:

\*Middlesex Court Papers, E. Cambridge.

†Col. Gardner was killed at Bunker Hill.

‡Hist. of Middlesex Co., Hurd, p. 182.

§Middlesex Probate 3575.

The evidence which puts this man at the head of the Marlboro family is not convincing, but "Sarah Cox of Weston, m. Jonathan Greenough of Marlboro (Bond) Mar. 26, 1779, may have been his mother. — Hist. of Marlborough, Hudson."

||Hist. of Watertown, Bond, p. 188

¶Mass. Archives.



for service in R. I., in Capt. Samuel Heald Co., Col. John Jacobs' regiment, Sept. 30, 1779 to Nov. 30, 1779. Also: In Col. Cyprian How's Middlesex regiment, Capt. Abraham Anderson's Co. enlisted July 27, 1780; discharged Oct. 30, 1780. "He was at one time detached for service in guarding and fortifying ports in and around Boston."\*

The following bond† sheds light on the family history:

"Know all men by these presents that I, Artemas Cox of Wawkeeg, Alias Bodwine, in the county of Alfolk——— am held and firmly bound to the inhabitants of the town of Weston in the County of Middlesex, in the sum of eight hundred dollars to be paid to the said Inhabitants or their certain Attorney; for which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, and every one of us firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal. Dated the twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred.

The condition of this obligation is That whereas the above bound Artemas Cox, for a valuable consideration to him in hand paid, hath agreed to support, clothe, maintain and provide for the widow Anna Cox of Weston, aforesaid during her life and save the said Inhabitants harmless and free from all charges and expenses that may arise therefrom. Now therefore if the said Artemas Cox, his heirs, executors or administrators shall well and truly maintain, support and provide for the said widow Anna Cox during her life aforesaid and save the said Inhabitants harmless and free from all charges and expenses that may arise therefrom, then this obligation is to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue."

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us	{ Eben <sup>II</sup> obbs Sally Bridge.	Arta <sup>s</sup> . Cox	Seal.
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The children of Artemas and Sally (Flagg) Cox were :

6. i. Nathaniel, b. Mar. 18, 1786; d. Jan. 28, 1870.
- ii. Annie, m. Elephalet Allen.
- iii. Sally, m. Jeremiah Bridge, pub. Nov. 29, 1759.

4. Eli<sup>a</sup> Cox (Elisha') Family Records‡ show this man the son of Elisha Cox and brother of Artemas, and that they came from Connecticut. Their residence there however may have been temporary. Tradition varies as to the date and place of his birth from "Springfield, about 1740," to some place in "Conn., Aug. 15, 1754." He married first, Almira Demanford, of Conn., by whom he had two children, Elisha and Rowena. These children, after the death of their mother, are said to

\*Mass. Archives.

†Town Records of Weston, 1804-1826, p. 393.

‡Family Bibles of James and Isaac Cox, sons of Eli.



have "returned with the Demanfords to Conn." Eli Cox married second, Mehitable Flagg in Weston, Feb. 23, 1785 (Bond). She was born July 31, 1752, and died Oct. 25, 1825. He moved from Weston to Middle Bay, near Brunswick, Me., about 1786. "He lived in Topsham Village in 1802, and probably died there" Feb. 4, 1818. He was by trade a potter.

John Flagg and Louis Flagg of West Bowdoinham, Co. of Lincoln, Mass., and Eli Cox and Mehitable his wife, Artemas Cox and Sally his wife, all of Harpswell, Co. of Cumberland, Mass., "yeomen" sell to Nathaniel Bemis a tract of land in Weston, Mass., Mar, 31. 1789.\*

Eli Cox of Weston and his wife Mehitable, and Artemas Cox and his wife Sarah, sell land in Weston, being an "undivided part of the estate of David Flagg, of which estate the said Mehitable Cox and Sarah Cox are heirs," May 10, 1787.† The children were :

- i. Elisha.
- ii. Rowena.
- iii. Lydia, b. July 31, 1780; m. Ezekiel Hinkley; d. Dec. 23, 1820.
- iv. Marcia, b. Oct. 23, 1788; m. Nathaniel Cox; d. July 20, 1873.
- v. Isaac, b. Sept. 4, 1792.
- vi. James Warren, b. Feb. 2, 1793.

5. Elisha<sup>3</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), of Marlborough,‡ born about 1768; married Molly Bruce, June 28, 1791. Children :

- 9. i. Elisha, b. Oct. 23, 1791.
- 10. ii. Rufus, b. Nov. 3, 1793.
- 11. iii. Willard, b. May 9, 1796.
- 12. iv. Loring, b. June 26, 1799.
- v. Lorie, d. July 4, 1887, wid. Mary Ann.§
- vi. Maria, m. Col. Daniel Pope.

6. Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> Cox (Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>), was the adopted son of Artemas and Sally (Flagg) Cox, born in Weston, Mass., Mar. 18, 1786, died April 28, 1870. He married his cousin Marcia, the daughter of Eli and Mehitable Flagg Cox, in Waltham, Nov. 9, 1811. Their children were :

- i. Rowena, b. Jan. 18, 1812; d. Sept. 26, 1830.
- ii. Mary J., b. Nov. 8, 1813; d. Aug. 17, 1869.
- iii. Julia Hinkley, b. Jan. 15, 1816; m. Oct. 2, 1851, Cyranus Sawyer; d. Apr. 19, 1894.

\*Middlesex Deeds, Vol. 100, p. 187.

†Middlesex Deeds, Vol. 96, p. 362.

‡Hist. of Marlboro, Hudson.

§Middlesex Probate, 22478.



13. iv. James Alden, b. Jan. 16, 1818.  
     v. Albina Stamford, b. Feb. 2, 1820; m. Dec. 27, 1842, John Alexander;  
         d. Sept. 28, 1870.  
 14. vi. Sewall, S., b. Feb. 23, 1822.  
 15. vii. Isaac S., b. Oct. 24, 1824.  
 16. viii. Hartley Bradford, b. Dec. 28, 1826.  
     ix. Emeline S., b. June 20, 1830; m. Geo. Flint, Nov. 17, 1855; d. Aug. 13, 1857.

7. Isaac<sup>3</sup> Cox (Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), son of Eli<sup>2</sup> and Mehitable (Flagg) Cox, was born at Topsham, Sept. 4, 1790. He married 1811, Desire Estes, born Oct. 15, 1788. He died July 20, 1860. Their children were:

17. i. Alfred, b. May 6, 1812.  
 18. ii. Elisha, b. Mar. 30, 1814.  
     iii. Cyrus Beede, b. May 7, 1815; m. Jan. 25, 1863, Martha Thompson;  
         d. April 26, 1876.  
     iv. Louisa, b. July 11, 1816; m. Isaiah Day, Nov. 29, 1860; d. Sep. 22, 1891.  
 19. v. Eli Demanford, b. June 25, 1818.  
 20. vi. James, b. Mar. 14, 1820.  
 21. vii. Charles Hinkley, b. Feb. 24, 1822.  
     viii. Melvin C., b. Feb. 14, 1824; d. Oct. 25, 1824.  
     ix. Mary, b. Sept. 10, 1825; d. Sept. 27, 1825.  
     x. Lydia Ann, b. Sept. 18, 1826; m. 1st, Capt. David Curtis, Aug. 15,  
         1847; he d. Feb. 21, 1884; m. 2d, Henry Lermond, Aug. 6, 1875.  
     xi. Maria Ellen, b. Apr. 20, 1828; m. Ezekiel Grover, Sept. 27, 1866.  
     xii. Louis Lunt, b. May 25, 1831; d. Feb. 8, 1897.

8. James Warren<sup>3</sup> Cox (Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), was born at Topsham, Me., Feb. 2, 1793. He married Mary Estes, of Brunswick, Feb. 3, 1811. He is by occupation a farmer, and is Justice of the Peace. Like his brother Isaac, he magnified his office to extend the Cox line. The two families consist of twenty-seven persons. James Warren<sup>3</sup> Cox died May 12, 1859.

- i. Almira Demanford, b. Nov. 13, 1811; m. Feb. 3, 1830, Lewis Lunt; d. Dec. 19, 1830.  
 ii. Elisha Tuttle, b. Mar. 10, 1813; d. Oct. 19, 1813.  
 iii. Lydia Estes, b. Sept. 27, 1814; m. Dec. 23, 1843, Charles H. Bliss; d. Oct. 13, 1896.  
 iv. Harriet Abington, b. Dec. 24, 1816; m. July 25, 1845, Benj. Rossiter Robinson; d. Apr. 3, 1887.  
 v. Sarah Jane, b. Nov. 10, 1821; m. Sept. 1, 1850, John L. Hammond; d. April 18, 1856.  
 22. vi. Augustus Franklin, b. Jan. 8, 1824.  
 vii. Mary Ann, b. June 30, 1826; m. Mar. 13, 1850; Elijah Packard Robinson; d. Dec. 28, 1889.  
 viii. Caroline Day, b. May 7, 1829; m. Jan. 28, 1855, Thos. C. Pinkham.  
 23. ix. James Henry, b. June 10, 1832.  
 x. Ellen Maria, b. Nov. 6, 1834; d. July 2, 1835.  
 xi. Francis Maria, b. July 21, 1836; m. Dec. 30, 1876, Leonard Selee.

9. Elisha<sup>4</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), of Marlboro yeoman, son of Elisha and Molly (Bruce) Cox, born Oct. 23, 1791, married Elizabeth Wilkins, May 13, 1824, and died about Feb. or March, 1855, leaving widow Elizabeth and four children.



Elizabeth Cox, then of Hudson, Mass., died May 6 or 7, 1871.  
Children:\*

- i. Emily, m. Geo. W. Bailey.
- ii. Elizabeth, m. Cyrus D. Munson.
- iii. Almira, m. James Mann.
- 24. iv. Emory, b. about 1841.

10. Rufus<sup>4</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), of Watertown, "coachman" son of Elisha and Molly Bruce Cox, born Nov. 3, 1793, died within four months of May, 1856. His widow, Elizabeth T., requests that Rufus Cox, of Marlboro, being "next heir," be administrator. There are no children. Elisha Cox's estate is one of the creditors.† "Rufus Cox was the coachman of Cushing, of Watertown, the rich Chinese importer."‡

11. Willard<sup>4</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), of Hudson, son of Elisha<sup>3</sup> and Molly Bruce Cox, born May 9, 1796, married Susan.—? She speaks of Mary Pope, wife of Daniel Pope as *a sister*, and Lore Cox as *a brother*.§ Willard Cox died June 19, 1875. Susan Cox, widow of Willard Cox, of Hudson, died July 18, 1887. She speaks of Mary Jane Houghton, as "neice," and Sylvania Cox, wife of Rufus Jr., "now deceased" June 7, 1887.||

12. Loring<sup>4</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), of Marlboro, "Farmer and Innholder" died about June, 1854, leaving a widow, Alma A., and two children, one a minor, the other of age and in California at the time. Rufus Cox, of Marlboro, is one of the heirs. The name of Willard Cox appears as one of the creditors of the estate of which William H. Wood is administrator. The "estate of Elisha" is also mentioned; also "The Cox heirs Lot." Rufus and Lucian received shares, and Lucian is said by his guardian, Ebenezer Wilt, to be "the only person interested," except Rufus. Lucian Cox is called a minor child of Loring Cox, above fourteen years old Feb. 14, 1855, interested in land lying in Bolton, formerly belonging to Elisha Cox.¶ Loring Cox, of Marlboro, son of Elisha and Molly Bruce, born June 26, 1799, married Anna ? Wood, daughter of Moses Wood,

\*Middlesex Probate, 22430, 2425.

†Middlesex Probate, 22449.

‡Wilber F. Brigham, Hudson, Mass.

§Middlesex Probate, 22294.

||Middlesex Probate, 22816.

¶Middlesex Probate, 22446-7.



April 14, 1823. (Is this Alma A., or did he marry twice?) He died about June, 1854, leaving widow Alma A. and two children:

- 25. i. Rufus.
- ii. Edwin.
- iii. Lucien A.

13. James Alden<sup>4</sup> Cox (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), son of Nathaniel and Marcia Cox, was born Jan. 16, 1818; married in Gardiner, Me., Sept. 1, 1842, Mary A. Wentworth. He died Dec. 1, 1875. Children:

- i. Julia A., b. Feb. 3, 1844; m. John G. Wiley, Mar. 22, 1868; d. July 9, 1897.
- ii. George F., b. Sept. 15, 1846; d. Jan. 3, 1876.
- iii. Mary A., b. Feb. 14, 1849; d. Feb. 17, 1849.
- iv. Marcia S., b. Feb. 3, 1850; d. Dec. 11, 1851.
- v. Frank W., b. June 20, 1852; d. Mar. 14, 1855.
- vi. Caroline H., b. Jan. 31, 1856.
- vii. Gertrude A., b. Dec. 15, 1858.

14. Sewall S<sup>4</sup>. Cox (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), son of Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> and Marcia Cox, born Feb. 23, 1822; married in Durham, Me., Charlotte Johnson, died in Brunswick, June 3, 1887. Children;

- 26. i. Richard H., b. Oct. 9, 1844; m. Mary I. Ward, May 28, 1868.
- ii. Melissa E., b. Dec. 14, 1849; m. Reuben Whitney, Oct. 12, 1872.
- 27. iii. Leslie E., b. May 11, 1858; m. May 20, 1880, Ada Dennison.
- iv. Edith Emeline, b. Jan. 5, 1865.

15. Isaac S<sup>4</sup>. Cox (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> and Marcia Cox, born Oct. 24, 1824, married first, Esther Alexander, in Litchfield, Me., Oct. 7, 1851. Second, Mrs. Caroline Chase, Nov. 28, 1889. He moved from Bath, Me., to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, April, 1860, where Mrs. Esther Cox died Nov. 7, 1887, and Mrs. Caroline, June 19, 1891. Children by first wife:

- 28. i. Fred Isaac, b. April 15, 1856.
- ii. Laura May, b. Mar. 8, 1864.

16. Hartley Bradford<sup>4</sup> Cox (Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), son of Nathaniel<sup>3</sup> and Marcia Cox, was born at Bowdoin, Me., Dec. 28, 1826. He married Ann Sarah Carter, at Richmond, Me., Nov. 17, 1853. He was a farmer in Montville, Me. Children:

- 29. i. Charles Bradford, b. Aug. 3, 1854.
- 30. ii. John N., b. May 13, 1856.
- iii. Elsa M., b. April 27, 1860; m. Mar. 20, 1882, Edward F. Curtis.
- iv. Almon C., b. Mar. 4, 1863; d. July 5, 1864.
- v. Alice M., b. Feb. 6, 1866; d. Feb. 3, 1869.



17. Alfred<sup>4</sup> Cox (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), was born at Bowdoin, May 6, 1812. He was son of Isaac<sup>3</sup> and Desire (Estes) Cox. He married first, his cousin Adeline Estes, daughter of Israel Estes, of Durham, Me., April 11, 1837. He married second, Miriam, daughter of Daniel Booker, Oct. 20, 1839. He married third, Sarah Ann Gilpatrick, of Webster, Me., Nov. 20, 1860. Mrs. Adeline Cox died Aug. 30, 1838. Mrs. Miriam Cox died April 28, 1860. He died Mar. 30, 1877. He had one child by first wife, four by second, and two by third, as follows :

- i. Delphina Adeline, b. Feb. 5, 1838; d. Apr. 1, 1879.
  - ii. Hannah A., b. Oct. 19, 1840; d. Sept. 15, 1841.
  - iii. Melville A., b. July 13, 1843; d. Aug. 22, 1848.
  - iv. Solon Elisha, b. Aug. 17, 1847; d. Sept. 4, 1848.
  - v. Edgar Winfield, b. Apr. 21, 1850; d. Apr. 18, 1866.
  - vi. Miriam Augusta, b. Oct. 16, 1861; m. Wm. David Coombs.
31. vii. Isaac Nathaniel, b. Apr. 7, 1863.

18. Elisha<sup>4</sup> Cox (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), son of Isaac<sup>3</sup> and Desire (Estes) Cox was born at Bowdoin, Me., Mar. 30, 1814. He married Irene Harding, of Westport, about 1840. He was a shipbuilder at Bath, Me. Retired from business and moved to Havre de Grace, Md., about 1870, where he died Mar. 2 1899. The children were :

- i. George H., b. Aug. 5, 1841.
  - ii. Harriet L., b. Dec. 28, 1843; m. Geo. Varney.
  - iii. Adeline E., b. Oct. 13, 1847; d. Aug. 30, 1851.
32. iv. Gershom Herbert, b. Apr. 1849; d. Apr. 11, 1873.
- v. Emily A., b. Feb. 3, 1852; d. Nov. 11, 1884.
  - vi. Lydia, b. Feb. 11, 1857.

19. Eli Demanford<sup>4</sup> Cox (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), born at Bowdoin, Me., June 25, 1818, was the son of Isaac and Desire (Estes) Cox. He married Mrs. Lizzie A. (Wentworth) Freeman, of Vassalboro, Dec. 1853. He was a shipbuilder. He died Sept. 29, 1895, in China, Me. Mrs. Lizzie Cox died March 14, 1892.

20. James<sup>4</sup> Cox (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup> Elisha<sup>1</sup>), son of Isaac and Desire (Estes) Cox, was born at Bowdoin, Me., Mar. 14, 1820. He married Sept. 3, 1843, Priscilla, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Purrington. She died Mar. 3, 1897. Children :

33. i. James Franklin, b. June 7, 1844.  
 ii. Susan Merilla, b. Oct. 4, 1846; d. Nov. 17, 1848.  
 iii. Mary Ella, b. Sept. 25, 1851; m. Jacob Merriam.  
 iv. Annie Louisa, b. Dec. 20, 1853.  
 v. Lizzie Eveline, b. Apr. 13, 1856; m. Wm. Dening.  
 vi. Katie Maria, b. Aug. 19, 1859; m. Walter M. Mallet.



21. Charles Hinkley<sup>4</sup> Cox (Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Isaac<sup>3</sup> and Desire (Estes) Cox, was born at Bowdoin, Me., Feb. 24, 1822. He married Eveline Purrington, Dec. 14, 1852. By trade a ship carpenter. Mrs. Eveline Cox died Nov. 18, 1891. Children:

- i. Annie Emma b. Jan. 3, 1861.
- ii. Frederick Charles, b. Feb. 3, 1864.

22. Augustus Franklin<sup>4</sup> Cox (James Warren<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of James Warren<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Estes) Cox, was born Jan. 8, 1824. He married first, Tryphena, daughter of James Jones, of China, Me., May 12, 1846. Second, S. Jane Goddard, of Brunswick. No children by second wife. He was a boot and shoe manufacturer. Died April 10, 1891. Children :

- i. Charles Henry, b. July 18, 1847; d. Sept. 12, 1848.
- 34. ii. Henry Packard, b. Oct. 5, 1849.
- iii. Rosella Hinkley, b. July 15, 1851; m. John M. Hussey Dec. 12, 1872.
- iv. Emma Francis, b. Feb. 13, 1853; d. Aug. 31, 1853.
- v. Albert Carroll, b. Mar. 9, 1856; d. Nov. 1, 1856.
- 35. vi. Frank Willis, b. Dec. 9, 1859.
- vii. James William, b. Jan. 14, 1864; d. Aug. 30, 1864.
- 36. viii. Edward Weston, b. Sept. 6, 1865.

23. James Henry<sup>4</sup> Cox (James Warren<sup>3</sup> Eli<sup>2</sup> Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of James Warren<sup>3</sup> and Mary (Estes) Cox, was born at Brunswick, Me., married Jan. 1, 1859, Mary O. daughter of Thomas Coombs. He was a farmer and lived in Brunswick, Maine. Died Jan. 6, 1876. Children :

- 37. i. George Herbert, b. Feb. 2, 1862.
- ii. Hattie Eliza, b. Mar. 27, 1864; d. Sept. 17, 1887.
- 38. iii. Winfield Scott, b. Jan. 29, 1866.
- iv. Sarah Rowena, b. Oct. 31, 1868; m. 1901.
- v. Howard Thomas, b. Jan. 15, 1871; d. Feb. 14, 1897.

24. Emory<sup>5</sup> Cox (Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) of Marlborough, a minor child of Elisha of M., — Geo. L. Bailey is appointed Guardian in place of Ebenezer Wilt, resigned. He is about 14 in 1855, son and only minor heir interested in estate, entitled to one fourth part with other heirs, viz.:

Emily Bailey w of Geo. W. Bailey  
Eliza Munson w of Cyrus Munson  
Almira Mann w of James Mann\*

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\*Middlesex Probate, 22432, 2425.



## COX FAMILY REUNION.

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*Members of the New England Association Mark Their Annual Gathering by Addresses Bearing Upon Their History and Ancestry.*

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At Hotel Westminster last evening about seventy-five descendants of William Cox, who landed in this country at Pemaquid, Me., in 1625, gathered for the annual reunion of the New England Association of the Cox Family. There was a brief business meeting at which these officers were elected: President, Charles M. Cox of Melrose; vice president, Alfred E. Cox of Malden; secretary, Edward J. Cox, Newtonville; treasurer, George H. Cox, Jr., Cambridge; historical recorder, John H. Cox of Lexington. Charles M. Cox presided, and told of a visit which he had made during the last year to Bristol, England, from which the originator of the New England Cox family came.

Among other after-dinner addresses was one by L. E. Holden, proprietor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, whose topic was "Municipal Government." He referred to the influence of the New England man in the West, not only in politics but in general social life, and spoke at some length on the evil influence of the corruption of politics by the money influence.

Alfred E. Cox, treasurer of the State Republican committee, spoke on "The Position of Women in the Family," paying tribute to our mothers and grandmothers.

George Howland Cox, chairman of the park commissioners of Cambridge, spoke especially of Melville Cox, who had achieved great fame on the coast of Africa as an explorer, and whose name in that section of the world was held in high regard.

An interesting paper written by Dr. Gardner Cox of Holyoke and which was entitled "St. George," told of the New England history of the Cox family of Barnard, Vt.

Among the other speakers were Guy M. Cox of this city, Rev. John Cox of Lexington, historian of the society, and John W. Cox of Medford. During the evening W. J. Lockhart gave an interesting reading, while Mrs. Lockhart, E. F. Poland and F. Lincoln Pierce contributed vocal selections.



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25. Rufus<sup>5</sup> Cox (Loring<sup>4</sup>, Elisha<sup>3</sup>, Elisha<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>), "yeoman" of Marlborough, died Nov. 28, 1861, leaving widow Sylvania and no children. His heirs are "Almy," (Alma) his mother, and Lucien his brother, who is under the guardianship of Ebenezer Wilt. Willard Cox is administrator. Rufus Cox of Watertown, married Sylvania Hastings, April 2, 1846\*. Sylvania Cox died April 6, 1848, and lies buried in the Hastings' lot, Cambridge Cemetery.

26. Richards<sup>5</sup> Cox (Sewell S<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Sewall S<sup>4</sup> and Charlotte (Johnson) Cox was born at Brunswick, Me., Oct. 9, 1844; married Mary Ward at Freeport, Me., May 28, 1868. Two children :

- i. Lillian L., b. Jan. 22, 1871.
- ii. Bertha M., b. June 14, 1878; d. June 27, 1899,

27. Leslie E<sup>5</sup>. Cox (Sewall S<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Sewall S<sup>4</sup> and Charlotte (Johnson) Cox was born at Brunswick, Me., May 11, 1858; married March 20, 1880, Ada Dennison, of Freeport. Children :

- i. Chester G., b. Jan. 3, 1881.
- ii. Herbert W., b. Feb. 26, 1882.
- iii. Mildred E., b. May 20, 1887.
- iv. Agnes S., b. Apr. 21, 1891.

28. Fred Isaac<sup>5</sup> Cox (Isaac S<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Isaac S. and Esther (Alexander) Cox, was born at Richmond, Me., Oct. 9, 1851. He married first, June 27, 1888, Caroline B. Furness of Vineland, Wis.; second, Becky A. Lord, of the same place, Dec. 25, 1895. Caroline (Furness) Cox died Mar. 31, 1894, at Vineland. Two children :

- i. Orrin Furness, b. Dec. 6, 1889; d. Apr. 13, 1893.
- ii. Sadie May, b. Apr. 20, 1893.

29. Charles Bradford<sup>5</sup> Cox (Hartley Bradford<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Hartley Bradford<sup>4</sup> and Ann Sarah (Carter) Cox was born at Montville, Me., Aug. 13, 1854; married Jan. 21, 1882, Josephine Judkins of Marlboro, Mass. One child :

- i. S. Jennie, b. May 9, 1884.

30. John N<sup>5</sup>. Cox Hartley Bradford<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>3</sup>, Artemas<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Hartley Bradford<sup>4</sup> and Ann Sarah (Carter) Cox, was born at Montville, Me., May 13, 1856; married Addie Cooper, at Belfast, Me., June 4, 1887.

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\*Cambridge Records, Vol. 4, p. 133.



31. Isaac Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> Cox (Alfred<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Alfred<sup>4</sup> and Sarah Anne (Gilpatrick) Cox, was born at Bowdoin, Me., April 7, 1863. He married Kate, daughter of Lyman and Augusta (Chandler) Prescott, of Auburn, Me., Jan. 1, 1892. He is a Journalist at Manchester, N. H. Two children:

- i. Lyman Prescott, b. Nov. 23, 1892.
- ii. Katherine Prescott, b. Mar. 29, 1897.

32. Gershom Herbert<sup>5</sup> (Elisha<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Elisha<sup>4</sup> and Irene (Harding) Cox, was born at Bath, Me., April 1849; died April 11, 1873. He married at Michaelsville, Md., and had one child:

- i. George Herbert, b. Sept. 3, 1873.

33. James Franklin<sup>5</sup> (James<sup>4</sup>, Isaac<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of James<sup>4</sup> and Priscilla (Purrington) Cox, was born June 7, 1844; married 1st, Francena A. Snow, Jan. 25, 1869. She died May 26, 1875; one child. July 1, 1877, he married Mary Jane Day of Durham; four children:

- i. Gilbert Gowell, b. Jan. 9, 1870.
- ii. Wilber Ernest, b. June 5, 1881.
- iii. Perley William, b. Dec. 24, 1882.
- iv. Fannie May, b. April 13, 1886.
- v. Walter Merriam, b. Nov. 6, 1888.

34. Henry Packard<sup>5</sup> Cox (Augustus Franklin<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Augustus Franklin<sup>4</sup> and Tryphena (Jones) Cox, was born at Brunswick, Me., Oct. 5, 1849. He married Dec. 11, 1872, Almira, daughter of James and Rebekah (Prescott) Hussey, of Vassalboro, Me. With his two brothers, Franks and Edward Weston<sup>5</sup> he is continuing in Portland, Me., the boot and shoe business established by their father in 1842. Henry Packard Cox was the first President of the New England Cox Family Association, and has contributed largely to the success of its work.

35. Frank Willis<sup>5</sup> Cox (Augustus Franklin<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) the son of Augustus Franklin<sup>4</sup> and Tryphena (Jones) Cox, was born at Brunswick, Me., Dec. 9, 1859. He married at Gardiner, Me., Nov. 14, 1884, Josephine Hunt. He is a boot and shoe manufacturer at Portland, Me. Has one child:

- i. Neal Willis, b. Jan. 19, 1886.

36. Edward Weston<sup>5</sup> Cox (Augustus Franklin<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of Augustus Franklin<sup>4</sup> and Tryphena (Jones) Cox,





**HENRY PACKARD COX**

President N. E. Cox Family Association, 1897-1899.

(See page 74.)



was born at Brunswick, Sept. 6, 1865; married at Portland, Me., Nov. 14, 1887, Lena Prince. Two children:

- i. Margaret, b. Dec. 3, 1893.
- ii. Eleanor Weston, b. Feb. 3, 1902.

37. George Herbert<sup>5</sup> Cox (James Henry<sup>4</sup>, James Warren<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) the son of James Henry<sup>4</sup> and Mary O. (Coombs) Cox, was born at Brunswick, Me., Feb. 1, 1865; married Nov. 24, 1887, Anna Francis Newhall, of Saugus, Mass. He is a farmer and resides in Brunswick, Me. Two children:

- i. Hattie Olive, b. Apr. 12, 1890.
- ii. Marion Newhall, b. Aug. 15, 1892.

38. Winifred Scott<sup>5</sup> Cox (James Henry<sup>4</sup>, James Warren<sup>3</sup>, Eli<sup>2</sup>, Elisha<sup>1</sup>) son of James Henry<sup>4</sup> and Mary O. (Coombs) Cox, was born at Brunswick, Me., Jan. 29, 1866. He married Mary Louise, daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Snow) Estes of Durham, Me., June 25, 1891. Two children:

- i. Fred Walter, b. Dec. 19, 1892.
- ii. Florence Rowena, b. Apr. 11, 1895.

## DESCENDANTS OF JOHN COX OF DORCHESTER.\*

7. Josiah<sup>3</sup> Cox (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was (probably) the son of John<sup>2</sup> and Tabitha (Davenport) Cox, and if so, was born June 28, 1715. Josiah Cox and Martha Ingersoll "both of Boston" were married in King's Chapel, Jan. 25, 1739.† Josiah Cox and wife Martha, who "recognized the covenant publickly" June 28, 1741, have children baptized in the First Church.

The name of "Josiah Cocks" appears in the list of charter members of the "Fellowship Club," now Boston Marine Society, organized June 1, 1742.

- i. Dorothy, b. Aug. 30, 1741.
- ii. Mary Andrews, b. Aug. 18, 1745.
- iii. Joseph, b. May 17, 1747.

8. John<sup>3</sup> Cox (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was the son of John<sup>2</sup>, and Tabitha (Davenport) Cox, born in Dorchester, Aug. 3, 1719, and

\*Continued from page 16, No. 2.

†Records, King's Chapel.



was therefore about ten years old when his father and his family removed to Falmouth, now Portland, Me. John<sup>3</sup> married 1st, September, 1739, Sarah Proctor, by whom he had nine children seven daughters and two sons. From this family the old line of Portland Coxes are descended. John<sup>3</sup> married 2nd, Sarah Bodkin, of Boston, the ceremony being performed in Christ's Church, May 20, 1760.\* Nine children, three daughters and six sons made up the second family.

The succeeding twenty years were years of political ferment. John<sup>3</sup> remained loyal to his king. In this he seems to have had the sympathy of his family: for soon after the Revolution, they removed to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, where their descendants still reside; many however, having drifted back to the States. John<sup>3</sup> Cox died about 1802, aged 83.†

- i. Keziah.
- ii. Sarah.
- iii. Dorcas.
- iv. Karenhappuck; m. Peter Thomas.
- v. Martha.
- vi. Mary.
- vii. Nancy.
- 14. viii. Josiah, b. 1756,
- ix. Samuel, d. inft.
- x. Thomas.
- 15. xi. Harry.
- xii. John.
- xiii. Garry.
- xiv. Charles.
- xv. Samuel.
- xvi. Susan.
- xvii. Elizabeth, bap. Christ's Church, Boston, May 1, 1763.
- xviii. Julia.

9. Unite<sup>3</sup> Cox (William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) of Malden, the son of William<sup>2</sup>, and Thankful (Mandsley) Cox was born in Dorchester, Sept. 29, 1723. He married in Malden, Mass. ("intention") July 1, 1745, Lydia Faulkner. "His name is on the tax list in 1759." "He lived to a very great age." A Unite Cox married Mary Cox in Boston,‡ Sept. 8, 1767. Unite's children were:

- i. Lydia, b. Oct. 23, 1746; m. James Dodge of Boston, May 28, 1765.
- ii. Samuel, b. July 5, 1748; d. Dec. 26, 1753.
- iii. Rebecca, born Oct. 26, 1750; m. Aug. 3, 1802, Daniel Dodge.
- 16. iv. Unite, b. Nov. 14, 1752.

\*Church Records.

†Preble Memorial, Boston Records.

‡Malden Bi-Centennial: Malden Records, by D. C. Corey. Family Records of Unite Cox and Mrs. Geo. D. Allen.



- v. Rhoda, b. Jan. 12, 1755.
- vi. Samuel, b. May 20, 1757.
- vii. Samuel, b. Aug. 20, 1758.
- viii. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 20, 1760?

10. Jesse<sup>3</sup> Cox (William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) son of William<sup>2</sup> and Thankful (Maudsley) Cox was born Nov. 2, 1734. He married Ann Townsend, the daughter of William and Sarah Sales Hickling, and sister of Susannah, wife of his brother Lemuel Cox. Jesse Cox, wife Ann, and Lemuel Cox, wife Susannah, all of Boston, "Wheelwrights" have records in Suffolk County, February 6 and 27, and October 8, 1765.\*

- i. Sally, b. Dec. 9, 1762.
- ii. Thankful, b. July 10, 1765.
- iii. Ann, b. June 27, 1767; m. Nov. 23, 1789, William Bacon.
- iv. Mary, b. Nov. 4, 1768; m. Dr. Lewis.
- v. Jessie Moseley, b. Feb. 5, 1772; m. May 31, 1791, Susannah Sumner.
- vi. Margaret, b. Feb. 1, 1774; d. unm.

11. Lemuel<sup>3</sup> Cox (William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) the youngest son, though not the youngest child of William<sup>2</sup> and Thankful (Maudsley) Cox was the most noted of the family. He was born in 1736, "in Boston." He married in 1763, Susannah, daughter of William and Sarah Sales Hickling. She was the sister of his brother Jesse's wife. She died Aug. 6, 1814.

Lemuel<sup>3</sup> was a famous mechanic and bridge builder. He built the first bridge across the Charles river, a piece of work for the time in which it was constructed was considered very remarkable. Its opening in 1746 was celebrated with great pomp by a great civic and military procession, including both branches of the legislature, our friend Lemuel Cox occupying a prominent position. The muse contributed a poem of forty stanzas, of which the following is a specimen:

"Now Boston, Charlestown, nobly join,  
And roast a fatted Ox;  
On noted Bunker Hill combine,  
To toast our patriot COX."†

He visited the old countries and performed many works requiring great mechanical and engineering skill. A bridge in Ireland, near Dublin, bore his name inscribed upon its piers till a very recent date.

Lemuel<sup>3</sup> Cox, with his brother Jesse, "Wheelwrights" "all

\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 103, p. 239, 251.

†"Historic Fields and Mansions." "Landmarks of Boston."—Drake.



of Boston" purchased land in Boston as early as 1765.\* Late they removed to Taunton: for Lemuel Cox, of Taunton, Co. of Bristol, Mass., "wheelwright" mortgaged land in Boston, near his house on Batterymarch St., Sept. 23, 1782.†

Lemuel<sup>3</sup> removed from Taunton to Boston about 1789, and lived there till June, 1792, when he moved to Medford, where he lived till 1798. He died in Charlestown, Feb. 18, 1806.

Lemuel<sup>3</sup> is said to have been a staunch loyalist, for which he served a term of confinement at Ipswich, in 1775.‡ Like many another man of genius, he does not seem to have acquired great riches. His will is "proved" May 13, 1806. In the order for distribution of his estate, Dec. 10, 1819, the following heirs received equal parts: "Richard Meanwell, (?) for his wife Eliza," "Rhoda Tufts, Harriet Tufts, Simon Tufts, Susannah Tufts, Mary Ann, wife of Rufus Brackett, James Dudley, Eliza Dudley, and Lemuel Cox."§ The children of Lemuel<sup>3</sup> appear to have been:

- 17. i. William Hickling.
- 18. ii. Lemuel Jr.
- 19. iii. John Sales Hickling.
- 20. iv. James.
  - v. Susannah Hickling, m. Simon Tufts of Medford. 9 children.
  - vi. Elizabeth Brightman, m. first, George Dudley of New Bedford; an Englishman. 5 children. m. second, a Condon.
  - vii. Harriet, b. 1783; m. 1805 Isaiah Lewis of Boston, brother of Nancy, wife of James S. H. Cox; d. Feb. 9, 1861. 2 children.
  - viii.||

12. Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> Cox (Ebenezer<sup>2</sup> John<sup>1</sup>) (see page 16).¶

\**Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 103, p. 239, 251.

†*Suffolk Deeds*, Vol. 136, p. 60.

‡Gardiner Cox, Holyoke, Mass.

§*Middlesex Probate*, 3578.

¶Four other children are said to have died in infancy. Wyman's Charles-town; Joseph Willard Esq. of Boston, grandson of Harriet Cox<sup>4</sup>.

¶(By error the story of Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> was inserted too early. The following numbers should also be inserted in the margin:)

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- 7. iii. Josiah.
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- 10. viii. Jesse.
- 11. ix. Lemuel.
- 12. ii. Ebenezer.
- 13. vii. Benjamin.

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- 21. viii. John Davenport.



13. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> Cox (Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) son of Ebenezer<sup>2</sup> and Thankful (Davenport) Cox, was born in Dorchester, Nov. 3, 1740. He married Oct. 15, 1761, Jerusha, daughter of Richard and Jerusha George.

Benjamin Cox, of Dorchester, aged "about 16 years" chooses Ebenezer Crowell of Wrentham, "gunsmith" for his guardian in 1757. He mentions Ebenezer Cox "a cooper" as his father.\* His father was drowned Oct. 7, 1753.

Benjamin<sup>3</sup> removed from Wrentham, Mass., to Hardwick, about 1760. He was actively engaged in the French and Indian wars. He appears as a private in the Company of Captain Ebenezer Cox in 1758, as a sergeant in 1759, and as ensign in 1760. He removed to Barnard, Vt., about 1777, where he became one of the most active citizens. He was chosen captain of the militia during the Revolution, and at different times served as assessor, justice of the peace, and representative of his town. He died Sept. 25, 1788, aged 48.

The children of Benjamin<sup>3</sup> and Jerusha (George) Cox were :

- 22. i. George, b. July 31, 1762.
- ii. Jerusha, b. Feb. 16, 1764; m. 1st, Holland Blackmer, Nov. 7, 1782; m. 2d, Jedediah Jepherson; 4 children.
- 23. iii. Benjamin, b. Aug. 13, 1766.
- 24. iv. Ebenezer, b. Nov. 28, 1768.
- v. Philena, b. June 1, 1771; m. (pub.) Nov. 29, 1792, Josiah Newton, of Hardwick; d. in Petersham, Mass.
- 25. vi. Charles, b. Oct. 18, 1773.
- vii. Lucinda, b. Jan. 26, 1776; m. July 11, 1793, Daniel Eastman. Lived in Potsdam, N. Y.
- viii. Thomas, b. Aug. 20, 1778.
- ix. Fanny, b. Nov. 30, 1783; m. William Young Henry; d. a widow in Barre, Mass. 10 children.

14. Josiah<sup>4</sup> Cox (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was the son of John<sup>3</sup> and Sarah (Proctor) Cox, born in Portland, Me., in 1756, and died at the same place July 20, 1829, aged 73 years. He was a merchant and prominent as a citizen in his native city. He married Jan. 23, 1785, Susan, the daughter of Joseph and Susan Greenleaf. She was born in Newburyport, Jan. 17, 1768, and died in Portland, Dec. 17, 1850, aged 82. Children :

- i. Susan, b. Nov. 8, 1785; m. Abel Vinton, 1806, and removed to Ohio.
- ii. Eliza, b. Feb. 1, 1788; m. Dea. Joseph Harrod; d. Apr. 14, 1842.
- iii. Fanny, b. May 1, 1790.
- iv. Caroline, b. Sept. 11, 1792; m. 1818, Elisha Vinton; d. Aug. 11, 1828.
- v. John, b. Feb. 29, 1794; d. Mar. 9, 1794.

\*Suffolk Probate, Vol. 52. p. 637.



27. vi. John, b. Feb. 13, 1795.  
 vii. Mary, b. Dec. 26, 1797; d. Jan. 7, 1798.  
 viii. Josiah, b. Jan. 26, 1799; d. at Madeira.  
 ix. Emily, b. June 11, 1801.  
 x. Mary, b. Nov. 11, 1804; m. Enoch Ilsley, 1830.

15. Harry<sup>4</sup> Cox (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) son of John<sup>3</sup>, or Capt. John, as he was called by his second wife Sarah (Bodkin) Cox, moved with his father to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, where he married Susan Eaton, and had nine children; seven sons and two daughters.\*

- i. Harry.  
 ii. Judah.  
 28. iii. Samuel.  
 iv. George.  
 v. John.  
 vi. Arthur.  
 vii. Garland b. 1811; m. Pineo; d. 1889.

16. Unite<sup>4</sup> Cox (Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) of Malden, was the son of Unite<sup>3</sup> and Lydia Faulkner Cox, born in Malden, Nov. 15, 1752; married April 6, 1776, Hannah Sprague. In the town records of Malden he is called "Captain Unite," and is reported to have been leader of a company of militia men.

The following is taken from an October number of the *Boston Traveler* for 1897 :

"An interesting fact relating to 'Old Ironsides,' the centennial of whose launching will be celebrated Thursday, came to light at the reunion of the Cox family at Mattapan, recently. It seems that the oak of which the 'Eagle of the Sea' was built, was cut on his farm at North Malden (now Melrose) by Unite Cox, and by him hauled to the ship-yard where now stands Constitution wharf.

"When it came to making the turn to enter Charlestown Sq., wagers were freely offered that Mr. Cox would not be able to manage with the long timbers which were to form the keel, but fate had decreed that success was to attend every effort connected with the Constitution, and the turn into the square was made in spite of all difficulties. Possessors of relics made from the original wood of the Constitution, may thus know the very town whose soil furnished the sturdy oak."†

\*Names of daughters not ascertained. Notes by Rev. O. E. Cox.

†The above story is related by Unite's granddaughter, Mrs. Geo. D. Allen, of Malden.



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- i. Samuel, b. Feb. 21, 1777; d. July 1778.
- ii. Hannah, b. Nov. 30, 1779; m. Sept. 15, 1801, Edward Newhall.
- iii. Rebecca, b. Oct. 1, 1781; m. James Green.
- iv. Betsey, b. Apr. 2, 1785; m. Benjamin Mansfield of Saugus.
- 30. v. Samuel } b. June 12, 1787.
- 31. vi. Unite } b. July 12, 1789.
- 32. vii. Lemuel, b. July 12, 1792; m. James Howard.
- 33. ix. James, b. May 18, 1794.
- 34. x. John, b. Apr. 10, 1797.
- xii. Harriet, b. July 9, 1799; m. Apr. 8, 1817, John Vinton.
- xiii. Sally, b. Mar. 15, 1802; d. Feb. 12, 1802.

17. William Hickling<sup>4</sup> Cox (Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was the eldest son of Lemuel<sup>3</sup> and Susannah (Hickling) Cox. He visited Ireland with his father, and after his father's return, went back to Ireland, where he married an Irish lady by the name of Catherine. They lived at Dublin. He visited this country once at least with his wife. They had no children. He died in Savannah, Ga., whither he had gone on business.

18. Lemuel<sup>4</sup> Cox (Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) the second son of Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, "The Bridge Builder," and Susannah (Hickling) Cox, inherited the mechanical talent of his father. He visited Ireland with his father, and afterward became a sailor. On a voyage of discovery somewhere in the Pacific, he, with one or two other men, went up some river for exploration purposes and not returning after some days, the ship sailed away leaving them to their unknown fate. He was a young man at the time and left a wife and one child.

19. John<sup>4</sup> Sales Hickling<sup>4</sup> Cox, (Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) third son of Lemuel<sup>3</sup> and Susannah (Hickling) Cox, married 1st, Nancy Lewis. He was a young man of scholarly ability, and served as lieutenant in the war of 1812. Mrs. Cox was in feeble health at the time of her marriage and died three weeks after the wedding. John S. Hickling<sup>4</sup> was ordered away on a three years' cruise soon after his marriage, and returned to find himself a widower. After the close of the war he married 2d, Mrs. Arabella Percelle and settled in Charleston, S. C., where he probably died. He had two sons by his second wife :

- i. Roland.
- ii. William.

20. James<sup>4</sup> Cox (Lemuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) fourth son of Lemuel<sup>3</sup> and Susannah (Hickling) Cox, lived in New Bedford,



Mass. He married at the age of nineteen, a Miss Tabor, a Quakeress. They moved to Ohio, where James died, leaving three sons.

21. John Davenport<sup>4</sup> Cox\* (Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>)† son of Capt. Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Wight) Cox, was born March 24, 1765, and lived in Hardwick, Mass. He married Anna Powers of Brimfield, (published) July 17, 1786. He died April 26, 1795, leaving a widow. Children :

- i. Stephen, b. 1789; d. April 2, 1791.
- ii. Ebenezer, b. May 1, 1791; d. at Worcester, Dec. 14, 1863, aged 72.
- iii. Farmelia.
- iv. Maria.‡

22. George<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) the son of Benjamin and Jerusha (George) Cox, was born July 31, 1762. He married, Aug. 19, 1788, Sarah, daughter of Thomas C. and Sally Chamberlin, by whom he had eight children. A relative§ has said of him : "George, while intensely religious, was not noted for his liberality. He was probably the richest man in town, a leader in the church," (Methodist) "a constable for many years, cautious and calculating, bigoted and severe." He died August 3, 1843.

- i. Sarah, b. Nov. 21, 1791; m. Aug. 31, 1810, Thomas Perkins. 2 children.  
d. Dec. 23, 1846.
- ii. Clarissa, b. Jan. 31, 1794; d. June 7, 1848; unmarried.
- iii. Roxanna, b. Mar. 20, 1796; m. Nov. 7, 1814, Daniel Billings; d. Oct. 30, 1869.
- 35. iv. George, b. Mar. 23, 1799.
- 36. v. Daniel, b. Aug. 2, 1801.
- 37. vi. Solomon, b. Feb. 2, 1804.
- vii. Lucinda, b. May 4, 1807; d. June 16, 1839, unmarried.
- viii. Lovisa, b. Jan. 4, 1810; m. Jan. 13, 1830, Daniel W. Fox; 4 children;  
d. Dec. 17, 1857, in Castleton, Vt.

23. Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) the 2d son of Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, and Jerusha (George) Cox, was born Aug. 13, 1766. He married, Jan. 27, 1792, (published Apr. 12, 1791, in Oxford, Mass.,) Lucy, the daughter of Elijah and Rachel (Kings-

\*See page 16.

†"For John (1) I would say 'Thomas,' for I am satisfied that John was the uncle. Though you have it John in the previous numbers, I would change it, as those that are interested in this line will get it in my list Thomas; and I have made the explanation that it was used John with my knowledge, but that I have since come to believe that it certainly was Thomas,—GARDNER Cox, Holyoke, Mass. March, 1903.

See pp. 12, 13.

‡History of Hardwick.—*Paige*.

§Dr. Gardner Cox, Holyoke, Mass., to whom I am indebted for most of the facts recorded of this branch of the family.



bury) Larnard, of Oxford, Mass. She was born July 8, 1768, and died June 5, 1836. They had six children. Benjamin married 2d, Miss Irene Shepherd, of Sharon, Nov. 1837. He died May 15, 1847.

- i. Nancy, b. Nov. 21, 1792; m. Dec. 14, 1813, Thomas Wilber; lived in West Randolph, Vt.
38. ii. Gardner, b. Apr. 15, 1794.
39. iii. Benjamin, b. May 30, 1796.
40. iv. Lyman, b. Jan. 9, 1799.
41. v. Allen, b. Apr. 26, 1801.
42. vi. Aurin, b. Dec. 6, 1803.

24. Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) 3rd son of Benjamin and Jerusha (George) Cox, was born Nov. 28, 1768, and died in Barnard, Vt., May 26, 1841. He married 1st, Hannah, daughter of Richard and Hannah (George) Ware, of Wrentham, Mass. She was a niece of Jerusha (George) Cox, and died May 2, 1826, aged 53. He married 2d, widow Mary Holland, mother of Mary Holland, who married Horatio Henry, son of Fanny Cox and William Y. Henry. By his first wife he had five children :

- i. Susie, b. May 5, 1798; d. Mar. 26, 1799.
- ii. Hannah Ware, b. Jan. 27, 1803; d. June 1, 1826; m. Jan. 27, 1822, Jacob Campbell.
- iii. Ebenezer, b. Mar. 28, 1805; suicide June 13, 1840, unmarried.
- iv. Adeline, b. Aug. 19, 1808; d. Mar. 5, 1870; m. 1st, John Walcott; 2d, Apr. 7, 1830, Stephen Hicks; 3rd, Sept. 5, 1841, Stephen S. Hill.
- v. Emily, b. Sept. 12, 1810; d. Mar. 1, 1821.

25. Charles<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) the 6th child of Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, was born Oct. 18, 1773, and died in Potsdam, N. Y., Mar. 26, 1814, aged 41. He married 1st, Susannah, daughter of Thomas Swift. She died in Pomfret, Vt., Oct. 13, 1807, aged 25. He married 2d, Jane (Peggy) Swift. She died in Potsdam, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1838, aged 54. One child by 1st wife, two by 2d.

- i. Susannah, m. Charles Eastman, her cousin, son of Lucinda Cox and David Eastman.
  - ii. Paulina, b. July 14, 1810; m. Hubbard Hathaway.
43. iii. Charles B. b. Jan. 2, 1813.

26. Thomas<sup>4</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) youngest son of Benjamin<sup>3</sup> and Jerusha (George) Cox, was born in Barnard, Vt., Aug. 20, 1778, and died in Potsdam, N. Y., in 1862. He married 1st, Jane, daughter of Ebenezer and Rosanna Bowman; 2d, Melvina (English) Henry. "Thomas was a great lover of the woods and of hunting, and carried on the fur business, buying and selling and trapping on the Rackett and St. Regis Rivers. There is a tradition that he smuggled furs out of Canada, until the Custom officers shot a ball through his hat."



27. Johns Cox (Josiah<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) of Portland, Me., was the son of Josiah<sup>4</sup> and Susan (Greenlief) Cox, and was born Feb. 13, 1795. He married 1st, Thankful Harris, daughter of Jeremiah and Thankful (Harris) Gore of Boston, the ceremony taking place in the Hollis Street church Nov. 4, 1817. She was born in Boston, Oct. 19, 1798, and died at Portland, Me., July 11, 1833, aged 34. Johns married 2d, Adeline, daughter of Capt. Enoch and Sally (Cross) Preble of Portland, Nov. 4, 1835. Mrs. Cox died in Portland, Aug. 1883.

Mr. Cox possessed excellent business ability, and was one of the largest ship builders in the state; but the great fire in 1866 swept away the greater part of his property. He died in Portland, Jan. 25, 1871, aged 75, and was buried in Evergreen cemetery. Mr. Cox had a family of nine children, six by his first wife.

- i. Susan Gore, b. Dec. 31, 1818 d. Sept. 6, 1819.
- ii. Susan Zabiah, b. Aug. 1, 1820; m. Nov. 1845, Commodore Geo. Henry Preble: d. July 22, 1875. 4 children.
- iii. Caroline Augusta, b. Mar. 22, 1823; d. July 11, 1833.
- 44. iv. John Harris, b. Sept. 28, 1824.
- 45. v. Josiah, b. June 1, 1828.
- 46. vi. Edwin Bartlett, b. May 20, 1833.
- vii. Frances Ellen, b. Feb. 16, 1837.
- viii. Elizabeth Harrod, b. June 30, 1843; d. April 28, 1844.
- ix. Elizabeth Harrod, b. Aug. 24, 1845. m. July 29, 1874, Charles H. Lampson: 2 children.

28. Rev. Samuels Cox (Harry<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Harry<sup>4</sup> and Susan (Eaton) Cox. He married Lavinia Hamilton, and they had one son. They lived in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.

47. i. George Davenport, b. Nov. 18, 1835.

29. Garlands Cox (Harry<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Harry<sup>4</sup> and Susan (Eaton) Cox. He married Eliza K., daughter of George Pineo, descendant of the French Huguenots, and had five children. Garlands was born in 1811, and died in 1889. Three of the sons were Baptist ministers; George D., Joseph H., and Obadiah Erastus.

- i. Garland.
- ii. George Davenport.
- iii. Joseph Henry.
- 48. iv. Obadiah Erastus, b. Oct. 2, 1843.

30. Samuel<sup>5</sup> Cox (Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) of Malden, Mass., was the son of Unite<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Sprague) Cox, born June 12, 1787, and died Sept. 26, 1859. He was twin brother of



Unites Cox, and married Mar. 22, 1809, Elizabeth Stanton, who died May 25, 1884. Mr. Cox was a manufacturer of lasts, and was a man of wealth. His widow and seven children survived him.\*

- 49. i. Samuel Albert, b. Dec. 11, 1811.
- 50. ii. George Parker, b. Mar. 5, 1814.
- iii. Eliza, b. Feb. 8, 1816; d. Oct. 4, 1817.
- 51. iv. David Parker, b. Aug. 17, 1818.
- v. Eliza Sprague, b. Mar. 4, 1821; m. Joseph Warren Tufts, Jr.
- 52. vi. Joseph Warren, b. Nov. 12, 1823.
- vii. Emeline Estes, b. Mar. 12, 1826; m. Isaac Augustus Stiles.
- viii. Mary Frances, b. Feb. 3, 1829; m. George D. Allen; 3 children.
- ix. Henry Augustus, b. Nov. 28, 1831; d. May 16, 1832.
- x. Henry Augustus, b. Mar. 24, 1834; d. Sept. 12, 1864.
- xi. Arthur Watson, b. May 3, 1837; d. Oct. 23, 1839.

31. Unites Cox (Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) of Malden, Mass., son of Unite<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Sprague) Cox, twin brother of Samuel<sup>5</sup> Cox, was born June 12, 1787. He married Sally Waite, who died Dec. 28, 1872. Unites died July 14, 1864.

Franklin Cox and Henry J. Cox choose Samuel Cox of Malden, to be their guardian. Samuel is also guardian of Augustus M., (under 14 years), all children of Unite Cox, deceased. Joseph Cox is bondsman.† Children.

- i. Samuel Waite, b. July 27, 1812; m. Hannah Woodbury, of Beverly, Mass. No children.
- ii. Sarah, b. July 2, 1816; unmarried.
- 53. iii. Joseph Caswell, b. 1818.
- iv. John Fletcher, b. Aug. 3, 1821; d. Nov. 28, 1891, unmarried.
- v. Martha Waite, b. July 4, 1824; m. John Curier; d. July 11, 1853.
- vi. Emily Brown, b. Oct. 29, 1826; killed in railroad accident, Nov. 19, '86.
- vii. Franklin, b. Aug. 2, 1830. m. Lizzie J. Stowell; d. Feb. 9, 1871.
- 54. viii. Henry Jackson, b. Sept. 17, 1832.
- 55. ix. Augustus Manford, b. Mar. 2, 1839.

32. Lemuel<sup>5</sup> Cox (Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) son of Unite<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Sprague) Cox, was born July 12, 1789. He married 1st, May 28, 1815, Lydia Harnden. Mrs. Cox died Mar. 2, 1832, aged 57. He married 2d, Oct. 4, 1833, Sarah O. Haven. There were eleven children.

- i. Mary Hills, m. May 10, 1841, Adam Thompson.
- ii. Lydia Harnden, d. unmarried.
- iii. Maria, m. Moses Sargent.
- iv. Adeline Pierce, m. Wilber F. Haven.
- v. Ellen Augusta, m. George F. Sanger.
- vi. Sarah Haven, b. Dec. 10, 1838; m. O. B. Brown.
- 56. vii. Lemuel Melville, b. Mar. 10, 1835.
- viii. Franklin Haven, b. 1837; d. Aug. 7, 1841.
- ix. Bethia Haven, b. Sept. 27, 1840.
- x. Emma, died in infancy.
- xi. Emma, d. in infancy.

\*Middlesex Probate, Vol. 22, p. 435.

†Middlesex Probate, Vol. 22, p. 436.



33. James<sup>5</sup> Cox (Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) son of Unite<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Sprague) Cox, was born May 18, 1794. He married 1st, Mar. 13, 1816, Sarah Dexter Sargent. 2d, Susan T. Crehore. Mrs. Susan T. (Crehore) Cox died May 10, 1883. Mr. Cox had no children by his first wife. He died 1866.

- i. Sarah Dexter, b. Dec. 24, 1818.
- ii. James Dexter, b. July 23, 1821.
- iii. Sarah Sargent.
- iv. Franklin, b. June 10, 1825; d. Sept. 21, 1826.
- v. Charles Davis, b. June 10, 1831.
- 57. vi. William Watson Niles, b. June 16, 1828.
- vii. George Learned.

34. John<sup>5</sup>, Cox (Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) the youngest son of Capt. Unite<sup>4</sup> and Hannah (Sprague) Cox, was born Apr. 10, 1797, and died Dec. 12, 1835. He married July 5, 1818, Lydia Andrews, of Weare, N. H., and had eight children.

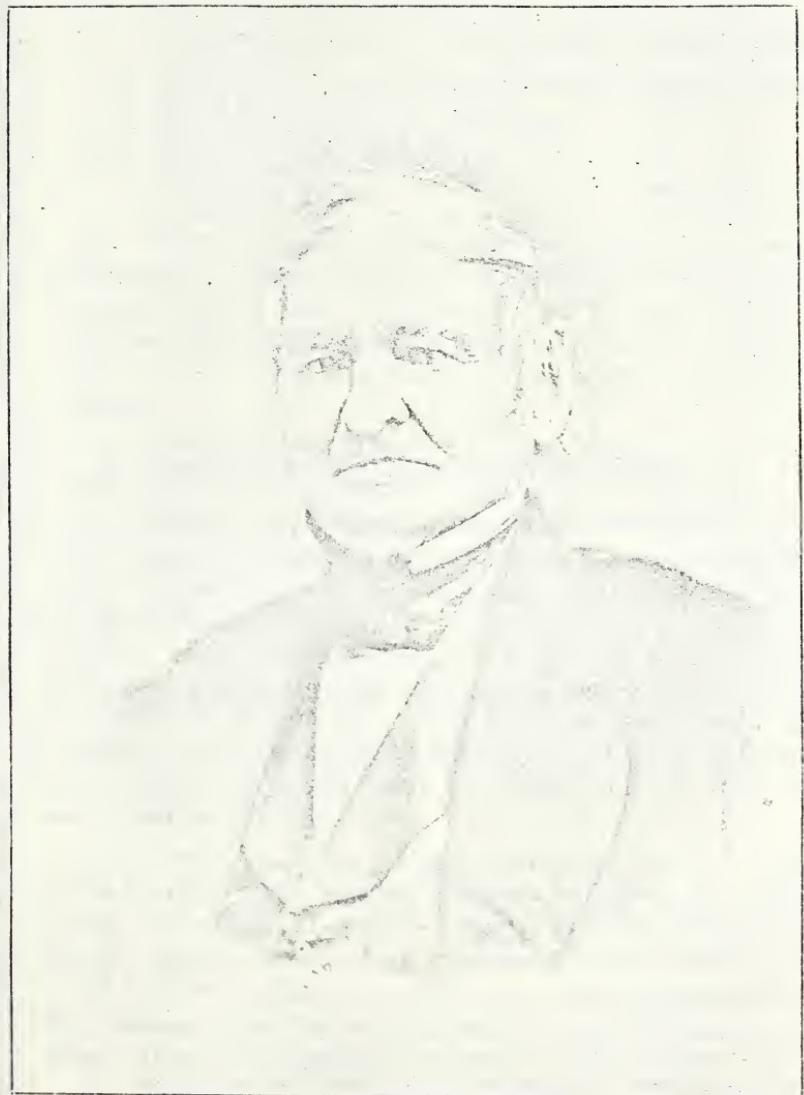
- 58. i. John Andrews, b. Apr. 13, 1819.
- 59. ii. Charles Cole, b. Dec. 26, 1820.
- iii. Lydia, m. Joseph Mills.
- iv. Hannah Sprague, b. Jan. 6, 1828.
- 60. v. Levi, b. April 27, 1824.
- vi. Rebecca Green, b. Mar. 16, 1826.
- vii. Asa Shin, b. Nov. 8, 1830.
- viii. Mary Andrews, b. Apr. 11, 1835.

35. George<sup>5</sup> Cox (George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) of Barnard, Vt., son of George<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Chamberlain) Cox, was born Mar. 23, 1799; was a devoted Methodist and prosperous farmer. He lived on the homestead in Barnard until he died. He married Mar. 28, 1827, Louisa, daughter of Asa and Lydia (Stewart) Paige. She died May 1, 1879, aged 76. George<sup>5</sup> Cox died June 1, 1885.

- i. Charles G., b. July 3, 1830; m. Emma K. Bride, Aug. 13, 1856; no ch.
- ii. Mary L., b. Sept. 18, 1833; d. Aug. 27, 1863; m. Dr. Charles Wesley Brigham, Jan. 24, 1859. 1 child.
- 61. iii. Lucian D., b. Aug. 5, 1835.
- iv; Sarah L., b. Mar. 18, 1839; m. Dr. Charles W. Brigham, Mar. 28, 1864; 1 child.

36. Rev. Daniels<sup>5</sup> Cox (George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was the son of George<sup>4</sup> of Barnard, Vt., and Sarah (Chamberlain) Cox. He was born in Barnard, Vt., Aug. 2, 1801. He entered the Methodist ministry in 1828, and served chiefly in the State of Maine 47 years. He married May 30, 1833, 1st, Mary Mardon, of Bath, Me. She died July 20, 1853. He married 2d, Bethiah Newton, also of Bath, Jan. 1, 1855. She died Sept. 18, 1856. He married 3d, Minerva Matthews, of Vermont, Jan. 20, 1858. She died Aug. 25, 1863. He married 4th, widow Mary K. Brown, daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret Chapman, Feb. 21,





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(Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>.) See page 87.



1865. Rev. Daniels died Dec. 29, 1875, in Damariscotta, Me., highly respected by all who knew him. His children were :

- i. Sarah Jane, b. May 20, 1834; m. Sept. 28, 1853, William H. Robinson; eight children.
- ii. George Henry, b. Aug. 30, 1836; m. Mar. 19, 1868, Louisa Marshall.
- 62. iii. Charles Augustus, b. Feb. 10, 1839.
- iv. Mary F., b. Sept. 4, 1840; d. Aug. 20, 1841.
- 63. v. Daniel Wesley, b. April 8, 1842.
- 64. vi. Wilbur Franklin, b. Mar. 1, 1844.
- vii. Mary Latitia, b. Apr. 17, 1867; m. Feb. 22, 1888, Edward Rogers Castner. 1 child.

37. Solomons<sup>5</sup> Cox (George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) of Barnard, Vt., the son of George<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Chamberlain) Cox, was born Feb. 2, 1804. He married Jan. 8, 1845, Hannah, the daughter of David and Rebecca Bugbee. Mrs. Cox died July 2, 1894, aged 82. Solomons<sup>5</sup> died June 21, 1868. They had three children.

- 65. i. Daniel S., b. Dec. 21, 1845.
- ii. Henry F., b. May 28, 1848; d. Jan. 28, 1893, unmarried.
- 66. iii. Melvin, b. Feb. 21, 1855.

38. Gardner<sup>5</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) eldest son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Lucy Larnard, was born April 15, 1794. He married 1st, Esther, daughter of Jacob and Esther (Lindsey) Hicks, of Royalton. He married 2d, a widow named Welch. Having no children of his own, he adopted several. He served with his brother Benjamin in a battalion of the Green Mountain Boys, and was in the battle of Plattsburg. In the winter of 1817 he purchased a water power privilege in Pierpont, N. Y., where he resided until his death, Mar. 14, 1878. "He was a zealous Methodist."

"Gardner Cox, of Cox's Mills, (now Hanawa Falls) St. Lawrence County, N. Y., was the pioneer; built and was the sole owner of a village of mills — sawmill, gristmill, cloth-dressing works ; potato starch factory, cornstarch factory, machine shop — all built of Potsdam red sand stone ; also a large mansion of cut Potsdam stone, set on an elevation in a wilderness of shade trees, the most conspicuous object for miles around."—G. C.)

39. Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) the son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Lucy (Larnard) Cox, was born in Barnard, Vt., May 30, 1796. He married in Barnard, Mar. 20, 1817, Mary, daughter of Ebenezer and Rosanna (McFarland) Bowman. She died May 5, 1842, in Pierpont, N. Y. He married 2d, Clarissa Jane, daughter of Daniel and Prudence



(Newton) Walker, April 8, 1845, in Canton, N. Y. She died May 10, 1874. Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Cox died in Potsdam, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1873. Children:\*

- i. Cordelia, b. Dec. 13, 1818; m. May 22, 1838, Varnum Clark: d. Mar. 4, 1891.
- ii. Frances Caroline, b. Sept. 24, 1819; m. June 17, 1847, Carlton B. Wheelock, Greenbay, Wis.; d. May 1, 1902; 2 children.
- iii. Avilla, b. Aug. 3, 1821; d. July 8, 1845, aged 24 years.
- iv. Mary Jane, b. Oct. 25, 1823; m. Apr. 22, 1841, Demarquis Parmenter; d. Dec. 24, 1893.
- v. Lydia Isabella, b. June 5, 1825; m. June, 1851, John Clark; d. Oct. 1876; five children.
- 67. vi. Lyman, b. Apr. 2, 1826.
- vii. Lucy Ann, b. May 4, 1838; m. Sept. 29, 1859, Alvin Anstead, four children; d. Oct. 20, 1869.
- viii. Daniel Walker, b. July 29, 1848.
- ix. Edna Prudence, b. Jan. 16, 1851; m. Mar. 16, 1869, Levi Parker Crandall, of Hanawa Falls, N. Y.

40. Lyman<sup>5</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, born Jan. 9, 1799. "He was the best mechanic of the family. After learning his trade, he went to Pierpont, N. Y., and lived with his brother Gardner." He died Nov. 30, 1824.

41. Allen<sup>5</sup> Cox (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) was the son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Lucy (Larnard) Cox, born April 26, 1801. He was the third in successive descent to inherit the old homestead at Barnard, Vt. He married April 3, 1828, Catherine, daughter of Rev. Uriah and Susie (Peck) Smith, of Woodstock. Mr. Cox was a staunch democrat and a decided Universalist. Modesty was a conspicuous trait of his character. He cared very little for office, although he filled repeatedly positions of public trust, and represented his town in the legislature in 1853. Allen<sup>5</sup> died Aug. 9, 1862, aged 61. Widow Catherine Cox afterward married Feb. 3d, 1887, Enoch French. She died April 22, 1894. There were seven children, four boys and three girls.

- 68. i. Alfred Smith, b. Jan. 5, 1829.
- ii. Nancy Wilber, b. Oct. 2, 1830; d. in Detroit, April 29, 1888; m. Sept. 27, 1851, William C. Danforth.
- iii. Philena, b. Oct. 13, 1832; Mar. 6, 1871, Ziba Dustin, Enfield, N. H.
- iv. Franklin Benjamin, b. Mar. 1, 1835; m. Dec. 31, 1857, Mary Ann Freeman; d. Jan. 11, 1894.
- 69. v. Allen Vail, b. Oct. 2, 1837.
- vi. Maria S., b. Dec. 1, 1840; resides in Detroit, Mich.
- 70. vii. Gardner, b. May 28, 1843.

\*Three children by first wife died in infancy.



## SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION.

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The Sixth Annual Reunion of the New England Association of Cox Families took place in the Bellevue Hotel, Boston, October 29, 1902. About seventy-five persons were in attendance, and the following officers were elected: Alfred E. Cox, of Malden, Mass., President; L. Emory Holden, of Cleveland, Ohio, Vice-President; Edward J. Cox, of Newtonville, Mass., Secretary; George Howland, Cox, Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., Treasurer, and Rev. John H. Cox, of West Harwich, Mass., Historian.

The reunion began with a reception and social gathering, and after the banquet timely topics were discussed by these speakers: Isaac N. Cox, of Manchester, N. H.; Mrs. George Fall, of Malden; George Howland Cox, of Cambridge; Charles M. Cox, of Malden, and Samuel Cox, of Lynn. The speaking was interspersed with music rendered by George Howland Cox, Jr., and Mrs. W. J. Lockhart, of West Roxbury. Charles M. Cox, the retiring President, acted as toastmaster. The gathering was called by many "One of the very best." The Treasurer's report showed a handsome balance in the treasury.



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HISTORIAN.



44. John Harris<sup>6</sup> Cox (John<sup>5</sup>, Josiah<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), of Portland, Me., was the son of John<sup>5</sup> and Thankful Harris (Gore) Cox born in Portland, September 28, 1824. He married Nov. 4, 1852, Julia Leavitt Allen and died in Portland, Sept. 18, 1897. The children were :

73. i. John, b. Aug. 14, 1854.  
 ii. Mary Allen, b. Dec. 13, 1856; d. May 25, 1891.  
 iii. Frank Tuttle, b. Nov. 15, 1859; d. Dec. 8, 1862.  
 iv. Adeline Preble, b. Dec. 25, 1861.

45. Josiah<sup>6</sup> Cox (John<sup>5</sup>, Josiah<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the second son and third child of John<sup>5</sup> and Thankful Harris (Gore) Cox, born June 1, 1828, married May 31, 1855, Sarah Todd, daughter of Solomon Todd Allen. Mrs. Cox died at Portland, April 4, 1871, aged 38 years. Josiah<sup>6</sup> died in Chelsea, Mass., April 11, 1874. Their children were :

- i. Allen, b. Jan. 22, 1856; d. Boston, July, 1888.  
 ii. Arthur, b. Dec. 8, 1857; d. Portland Aug. 14, 1876.  
 iii. Charles Frederick, b. July 14, 1863; d. Sept. 19, 1863.  
 iv. William Leavitt, b. Oct. 31, 1860; d. April 23, 1864.  
 v. William Wood, b. Oct. 31, 1864.  
 vi. Walter, b. Mar. 14, 1866; adopted after his father's death by Rev. ——— Green, and is a Minister.  
 vii. Sarah Todd Allen, b. Nov. 20, 1870; d. May 10, 1871.

46. Edwin Bartlett<sup>6</sup> Cox (John<sup>5</sup>, Josiah<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the youngest son of John<sup>5</sup> and Thankful Harris (Gore) Cox, born May 20, 1833, married Nov. 25, 1858, Rhoda Harris Hazen and now (1903) resides in Boston, Mass. There are three children.

- i. Frederick Augustus Prince, b. Sept. 3, 1859.  
 ii. Edwin Bartlett, b. July 25, 1861.  
 iii. Enoch Ilsley, b. Dec. 27, 1867.

47. George Danforth<sup>6</sup> Cox (Samuels, Harry<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of Rev. Samuel and Lavinia (Hamilton) Cox, was born Nov. 18, 1835. He married Annie Augusta, daughter of Richard and Sarah Ann (Ellison) Gerrish of Chelsea, Mass., and died June 12, 1893. They had six children.

- i. Mary Alberta, b. Feb. 12, 1858.  
 ii. Annette Frances, b. Sept. 16, 1860; m. May 16, 1877, William H. Howland. 2 children.  
 iii. Annie Belle, b. Jan. 16, 1867; m. Apr. 21, 1887, Frank LeGrand Noble. 3 children.  
 iv. George Davenport, b. Oct. 3, 1868.  
 v. Beatrice Augusta, b. June 7, 1870; d. June 18, 1896, at West Newton.  
 vi. Eva Josephine, b. Sept. 30, 1872.

48. Obadiah Erastus<sup>6</sup> Cox (Garlands, Harry<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of Garlands<sup>5</sup>, and Eliza K. (Pineo) Cox, was born at



Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, Oct. 2, 1842. He graduated from Acadia College in 1866, and was ordained to the Baptist ministry Dec. 10, 1867. He graduated at Newton Theological Institution in 1873, and has since served various churches as pastor in Massachusetts, New York and New Hampshire. He married first Sept. 5, 1878, Sarah Emily, daughter of Job and Sarah L. Miller, of Warren, R. I. Mrs. Cox died Oct. 2, 1886, and he married second at Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1891, Mary E., daughter of Edmund and Letitia Ison. There are four children:

- i. Eugene Leigh, b. July 15, 1879.
- ii. Florence Louise, b. Oct. 25, 1880.
- iii. Emily Gertrude, b. Apr. 17, 1883.
- iv. Edith Maud, b. Aug. 4, 1885.

49. Samuel Albert<sup>6</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), of Malden, Mass., was the son of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Stanton) Cox, born in Malden, Dec. 11, 1811. He married Dec. 30, 1834, Harriet Hall of Chelsea,

Samuel Albert Cox of Malden, "a machinist," died 1856, leaving a widow, Harriet H. and five children, all minors.\* Four of these children inherit by the will of their grandfather Samuel<sup>5</sup>, who died Sept. 26, 1859.

74. i. Albert Thompson, b. Mar. 3, 1837.  
 ii. Harriet Josephine, b. June 25, 1838; m. Ivory Richardson.  
 iii. Arthur Watson, b. Nov. 26, 1840.  
 iv. Catherine Adelaide, m. Bagnal; d. Nov. 22, 1897.  
 v. Marion, m. Jordan; engaged in literary pursuits.  
 vi. et als d. infancy.

50. George Parker<sup>6</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel<sup>5</sup>, and Elizabeth (Stanton) Cox was born Mar. 5, 1814. He married Mar 5, 1835, Mary Ann Morrison of Boston. He died July 27, 1886. He had no children of his own, but adopted a daughter.

Fanny Arabella, b. Dec. 29, 1847; m. Samuel R. Priest.

51. David Parker<sup>6</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), of Malden, Mass., was the son of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Stanton) Cox, born in Malden Aug. 17, 1818. He married first July 14, 1842, Rebecca Ann Waite. Mrs. Rebecca Ann Cox, wife of David Parker Cox died Dec. 3, 1884. He married second

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\*Middlesex Probate, 20633, 22452.



Lottie Scales. David Parker Cox of Malden died Jan. 13, 1896, leaving a widow, Lottie S. and daughter Annie R. Colby.\*

The following children are mentioned :

- i. Frances, dead.
- ii. Annie, R., m. Laurens F. Colby. Dead.
- 52. Joseph Warren<sup>6</sup> Cox (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), of Malden, Mass., son of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Stanton) Cox, was born Nov. 12, 1823, and died Sept. 22, 1860. He married Hannah S. Hoar of Littleton, Mass., and had three children.
- 75. i. Edwin Augustus, b. Sept. 6, 1848.
- ii. Carrie, m. John Sleeper, and moved to Colorado.
- iii. Emma, m. Albert Lawrence.

53. Joseph Caswell<sup>6</sup> Cox (Unite<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of Unite<sup>5</sup> and Sally (Waite) Cox, born Mar. 11, 1819, married first a woman by the name of Perkins, by whom he had no children. He married second Helen Richardson, by whom he had one child. Joseph Caswell<sup>6</sup> died in Malden, Oct. 23, 1858. His widow, "having one infant child," survives him and administers his estate. He is designated as "a trader." The child's name is :

Frank Palmer.

54. Henry Jackson<sup>6</sup> Cox (Unite<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of Unite<sup>5</sup> and Sally (Waite) Cox was born Sept. 17, 1832. He married first, in 1864, Rosa A. Crocker, second Oct. 20, 1894, Lizzie M. Crocker. He died Feb. 1, 1899, and the following obituary notice appeared :

"Henry J. Cox, aged 64 years, a well-known Malden shoe dealer, dropped dead about nine o'clock yesterday morning while shovelling snow in front of his house on Main street. He was twice married and left two sons by his first wife and one daughter by his second wife. He was born in Malden, was a descendant of the old Cox family, and belonged to several secret organizations."

- 75. i. Austin Henry.
- ii. Lillian M.
- iii. William.
- iv. Anna Belle.
- 55. Augustus Milford<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Unite<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), youngest son of Unite<sup>5</sup> and Sally (Waite) Cox was born

\*Middlesex Probate, 18116, 41682.



in Malden Mass., Mar. 2, 1839. He married Rebecca N., daughter of James and Clara S. (Corson) Pratt, Sept. 30, 1862. He has no children.

56. Lemuel Melville<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Lemuel<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Lemuel<sup>5</sup> and Sarah O. (Haven) Cox, born Mar. 10, 1835. He married first Sarah H. Smith, Nov. 20, 1862; second, Clarissa E. Spencer June 2, 1869. Mrs. Sarah (Smith) Cox died Oct. 5, 1868. There were three children in each family.

- i. Edith Haven, b. Apr. 23, 1864; m. George H. Wyley.
- ii. Mabel Dearborne
- 76. iii. Wardwell Dearborne } b. Oct. 5, 1868.
- iv. Laura Spencer, b. July 30, 1871.
- v. Frank Melville, b. Apr. 3, 1873; dead.
- vi. Horace David, b. Oct. 12, 1875; dead.

57. William Watson Niles<sup>6</sup> Cox (James<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), was the son of James<sup>5</sup>, and Sarah Dexter (Sargent) Cox and was born June 16, 1828. He married Sept. 10, 1857, Mary Jane, daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Peirce of Augusta, Maine. He died May 15, 1874\* in Peabody, Mass.

58. John Andrews<sup>6</sup> Cox, (John<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of John<sup>5</sup> and Lydia (Andrews) Cox, was born Apr. 13, 1819. He married Susan Rebecca Steele, of Medford, Mass., and had four children:

- i. Susan Rebecca, b. Oct. 3, 1841; d. 1843.
- 77. ii. James Prentis, b. Aug. 5, 1845.
- iii. John, b. Nov. 23, 1846.
- 78. iv. Reuben, b. July 23, 1848.

59. Charles Cole<sup>6</sup> Cox, (John<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), second son of John<sup>5</sup> and Lydia (Andrews) Cox was born in Malden, Mass., Dec. 26, 1820. He married, Oct. 22, 1843, Lucy Faulkner, and had four sons:

- 79. i. Charles Frederic, b. Apr. 25, 1845.
- 80. ii. George Everett, b. Aug. 16, 1846.
- 81. iii. Alfred Elmer, b. Aug. 31, 1848.
- 82. iv. Eugene Herbert, b. June 12, 1853.

60. Levi<sup>6</sup> Cox, (John<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of John<sup>5</sup> and Lydia (Andrews) Cox was born Apr. 24, 1824. He married Mary Ann Galeucia. He served in the war of the Rebellion, in Co. K, 17th. Mass. Vols., three years. He died

\*Middlesex Probate, 2438.



while on a furlough at his home in Malden, leaving a widow and six children, all minors. Charles Col. Cox his brother, is administrator and guardian of the children; Lucy Cox and George E. Cox appear as witnesses; Asa S. Cox a brother residing in Milford, and Lydia C. Mills of Boston are named as being all the persons interested in the estate.\*

The children of Levi<sup>6</sup> Cox were:

- i. Edgar M., b. Mar. 30, 1850.
- ii. Ella S., b. Jan. 3, 1852.
- iii. Mary A., b. Apr. 27, 1853; m. Henry Day.
- iv. Charlianna Flora, b. July 21, 1854; living in Sanford, Me.
- v. John Charles Fremont, b. Apr. 19, 1856; m. Hattie M. Morse, Newport, Me.
- vi. Ida Maria, b. Nov. 19, 1857; m. Edwin Nutter of Malden.

61. Lucian D.<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Georges<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), son of Georges<sup>5</sup> and Louisa (Page) Cox, was born Aug. 5, 1835. He married, Feb. 18, 1863, Emily H. daughter of Rev. Ira and Mary Beard of Pittsfield, Vt. Lucian D.<sup>6</sup> was a dentist, lived in Ludlow, Vt. and later in Northfield. He died at the age of 39, July 9, 1874. He had one son:

Frank L., b. Apr. 25, 1867.

62. Charles Augustus<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Daniels<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Rev. Daniels<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Marston) Cox, born in Damariscotta, Me., Feb. 10, 1839, d. Dec. 21, 1885, aged 46. He married, Aug. 31, 1876, Hattie E. Barrows of Brattleboro, Vt. He was at one time interested in the Lamson Cash System and accumulated a small fortune in a single year. He died of pneumonia, after a brief illness.

- i. Sybil.
- ii. Mary.
- iii. Barrows.

63. Daniel Wesley<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Daniels<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Rev. Daniels<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Marston) Cox, born Apr. 8, 1842. He married July 30, 1865, Hattie Emeline Osgood and had two children. He died Jan 15, 1872.

- i. Ella Marston, b. Feb. 16, 1869.
- ii. Florence I., b. Oct. 17, 1870; d. Aug. 22, 1878.

64. Wilber Franklin<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Daniels<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was the youngest son of Rev. Daniel and

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\*Middlesex Probate, 22429, 22445.



Mary (Marston) Cox born Mar. 1, 1844, married Feb. 21, 1863, Mary N. Harding, by whom he had five children.

65. Daniel S.<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Solomons<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was the eldest son of Solomons<sup>5</sup> and Hannah (Bugbee) Cox, b. Dec. 21, 1845. He married April 2, 1874, Ellen L., daughter of Rev. Erastus and Lucretia Pettingill. They have two children :

- i. Mary Ellen, b. Apr. 16, 1875.
- ii. Ernest E., b. Sept. 27, 1877.

66. Melvin M.<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Solomons<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), youngest son of Solomons<sup>5</sup> and Hannah (Bugbee) Cox, was born Feb. 21, 1855. He married first, Aug. 20, 1878, Effie E. daughter of David F. and Esther Dyke. Mrs. Cox died Mar. 26, 1883. Melvin<sup>6</sup> married second, Mary E., daughter of Augustus L. and Emily Chandler. There was one child in each family.

- i. Glover David, b. Apr. 9, 1880.
- ii. Nina Mary, b. Jan. 6, 1890.

67. Lyman<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), son of Benjamin<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Bowman) Cox, was born Apr. 2, 1826. He married June 22, 1853, his cousin, Esther Harteroe, daughter of Aurin<sup>5</sup> Cox, and resided in Saratoga, Minn. They had four children :

- i. Francis M., b. Mar. 19, 1854.
- ii. Benjamin C., b. Aug. 15, 1861.
- iii. Mary E., b. Mar. 13, 1871.
- iv. Julia E., b. Apr. 11, 1873.

68. Alfred Smith<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Allens<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), son of Allens<sup>5</sup> and Catherine (Smith) Cox, born an. 5, 1829; was killed in a runaway accident, near Brattleboro epot, Apr. 22, 1890. Mr. Cox married first, Sarah C., daughter of Harrison and Philena (Bigelow) Topliff. Mrs. Cox, "a henomenal artistic genius," died July 26, 1863, aged 41. Alfred Smith<sup>6</sup> Cox married second, Feb. 13, 1867, Lucy Ann, daughter of Royal Wood of Brattleboro, Vt. There were no children of either marriage.

Alfred Smith<sup>6</sup> Cox was an expert mathematician and an excellent general scholar. In early life he was a popular teacher, begining his first school in "a log school house in Turkey Hollow," at \$8 per month and "boarding round."



Later in life he turned his hand to organ, piano and carriage building, every part of which he wrought with a master's hand. He was a staunch temperance advocate, exact and systematic in his method and exemplary in his habits.

69. Allen Vail<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Allens<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), son of Allen<sup>5</sup> and Catherine (Smith) Cox, was born Oct. 2, 1837. He married Emogene M., daughter of Benjamin and Mercy Rachel Clapp, Nov. 5, 1860. There were two children :

- i. Katie, b. Jan. 30, 1862; d. Mar. 30, 1864.
- ii. Mertie, b. Mar. 28, 1867.

70. Gardener<sup>6</sup> Cox,\* (Allens<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), is a physician of Holyoke, Mass., son of Allens<sup>5</sup> and Catherine (Smith) Cox, born in Barnard, Vt. May 28, 1843 ; was educated at the University of Michigan, and married Mar. 15, 1871, Emma, daughter of Nathan and Lucinda (Butterfield) Howard, born Aug. 25, 1844. A family of four sons and one daughter has graced their happy home. Allen H. the eldest is an architect ; studied in the M. I. T., Boston, in Rome and in the Ecole de Beaux Arts, Paris. Fannie M. is a graduate of Smith College, and Frank G. is a graduate of the M. I. T., Boston.

- i. Allen H., b. Mar. 14, 1873.
- ii. Alfred B., b. Jan. 9, 1876; d. Mar. 27, 1876.
- iii. Fannie Maria, b. Jan. 15, 1877; m. Sept. 1, 1903, Raymond P. Tarr of Pottstown, Pa.
- iv. Frank G., b. Feb. 9, 1880.
- v. Stanley C., b. July 2, 1883

71. Henry Gardner<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Aurins<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), son of Aurins<sup>5</sup>, and Harterowe (Chamberlain) Cox, was born Sept. 27, 1829. He married first, Dec. 25, 1854, Christina, daughter of Henry and Christina (Tenny), Stevens, of Parishville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. She was born Mar. 30, 1836, and died Oct. 30, 1881. Mr. Cox married second, Mrs. Ellen Reed daughter of Alexander and Jane Hall. Children :

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\*New England Cox families and the writer in particular, owe very much to Dr. Cox, for his patient and enthusiastic research into the history and genealogy of the race, and his copious notes on his own line, which should be printed for future reference.



- i. Henry Stevens, b. Dec. 25, 1866; m. June 7, 1894, Mary, daughter of P. H. Williams of St. Charles.
- ii. Harryrowe } b. July 28, 1884.
- iii. Harterowe }

72. Aurin Elisha<sup>6</sup> Cox (Aurin<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Aurin<sup>5</sup>, and Harterowe (Chamberlain) Cox, born Apr. 21, 1837. He married, Jan. 1, 1867, Ellen N. daughter of Freeman and Clarinda Saunders. Two children :

- i. Eugene Leforest, b. Aug. 14, 1867; d. June 26, 1875.
- ii. Frances Gilson, b. Sept. 20, 1881; resides Seattle, Washington.

73. John<sup>7</sup> Cox, (John Harris<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Josiah<sup>4</sup>, Johns<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the son of John Harris<sup>6</sup> and Julia Leavitt (Allen) Cox, was born in Portland, Me., Aug. 14, 1854. He married, Nov. 16, 1881, Clara M. Smellage. John<sup>7</sup> Cox has for many years carried on the business of a tobacconist at 23 Monument Square, Portland, Me. He has three children :

- i. John Harris, b. Aug. 27, 1887.
- ii. Mildred C., b. July 23, 1888.
- iii. Frederick Walter, b. Sept. 23, 1890.

74. Albert Thompson<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Samuel Albert<sup>6</sup>, Samuels<sup>5</sup>, Unites<sup>4</sup>, Unites<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel Albert<sup>6</sup> and Harriet (Hall) Cox was born in Malden, Mass., Mar. 3, 1837, and was a resident of Oakland, California in 1886.

75. Edwin Augustus<sup>7</sup> Cox, (James Warren<sup>6</sup>, Samuels<sup>5</sup>, Unites<sup>4</sup>, Unites<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Joseph Warren<sup>6</sup> and Harriet S. (Hoar) Cox born Sept. 6, 1848. He married Oct. 15, 1873, Lizzie Lounette Chamberlain. They have one child, Edwin Augustus<sup>7</sup>, who is (1903) a teacher of music in Littleton, Mass.

- i. George Warren, b. June 6, 1875, at Barnard, Vt

76. Austin Henry<sup>7</sup> (Henry Jackson<sup>6</sup>, Unites<sup>5</sup>, Unites<sup>4</sup>, Unites<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of Henry Jackson<sup>6</sup> and Rosa A. (Crocker) Cox married Nov. 28, 1895, Mary Lucinda Burt. They have three children :

- i. Lillian.
- ii. Ethel.
- iii. Henry Jarvis.

77. Wardwell Dearborne<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Lemuel Melville<sup>6</sup>, Lemuels<sup>5</sup>, Unites<sup>4</sup>, Unites<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Lemuel Melville<sup>6</sup> and Sarah H. (Smith) Cox, born in Malden, Oct. 5, 1868.



He was twin of Mabel Dearborne Cox. He married Bertha Gould and has two children :

- i. Ralph Melville, b. 1891.
- ii. Marion, b. 1894.

78. James Prentis<sup>7</sup> Cox, (John Andrews<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), son of John Andrews<sup>6</sup> and Susan Rebecca (Steele) Cox, had three children :

- i. Sarah E., b. Sept. 26, 1826.
- ii. Eva M., b. Sept. 4, 1868.
- iii. Dolly E., b. Apr. 6, 1875.

79. Reuben<sup>7</sup> Cox, (John Andrews<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the youngest son of John Andrews<sup>6</sup> and Susan Rebecca (Steele) Cox, born July 23, 1848, had three children :

- i. Susan R. E., b. Sept. 14, 1880.
- ii. Annie E., b. Oct. 18, 1881.
- iii. Jennie, b. Nov. 25, 1882.

80. Charles Frederic<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Charles Cole<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the eldest son of Charles Cole<sup>6</sup>, and Lucy (Faulkner) Cox was born in Malden, Mass., Apr. 25, 1845. He married Susan M. daughter of Isaac and Olive P. Watts of Malden. There children are :

- i. Frederic Charles, b. Sept. 4, 1873; m. Anna F. Chipman of Salem, Mass.
- ii. Arthur Watson, b. Aug. 29, 1881.

81. George E.<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Charles Cole<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the son of Charles Cole<sup>6</sup> and Lucy (Faulkner) Cox was born in Malden, Mass., Aug. 16, 1846. He married July 7, 1878, Jennie Lehman of Chicago, Ill. No children. He died Feb. 24, 1900, at which time the following obituary notice appeared in a Boston paper :

"Mr. George E. Cox, 50 years old, who resided at the Hotel Bellevue, and who died suddenly in a Boston theatre yesterday, presumably from heart disease, was a member of the George P. Gore Company, shoe merchants, of Chicago. He was the eastern purchasing agent of the firm, having an office at 136 Lincoln street.

"He was born in Malden, where he formerly resided, and was well known in that city, where he has a brother, Alfred E. Cox. He arrived in Boston from the West on the 17th. inst. and with his wife went to the Bellevue, where he had made his home when in Boston."



82. Alfred Elmer<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Charles Cole<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the third son of Charles Cole<sup>6</sup> and Lucy (Faulkner) Cox, was born in Malden, Mass., Aug. 31, 1848. He married Nov. 23, 1869, Annie Adelaide, daughter of Joseph Hosmer and Georgina (McLeod) Bell of Malden. As a business man Mr. Cox takes high rank and in the political arena his voice has no uncertain sound. He is (1903), President of the N. E. Association of Cox Families, and a noble family of eleven children has blessed his home.

- i. Mabel Annie, b. Oct. 12, 1870; m. Stephen B. Boyd.
- ii. Agnes Evelyn, b. Dec. 17, 1871; d. Aug. 10, 1872.
- iii. Alice Beulah, b. June 25, 1873; m. George A. Ricker.
- iv. Marion Georgina, b. Feb. 15, 1876; m. Arthur W. Wright.
- v. Jessie Lawrence, b. June 28, 1877; d. Apr. 1, 1899.
- vi. Charles Cole, b. Apr. 10, 1880.
- vii. Philip Wescott Lawrence, b. July 25, 1883.
- viii. Annie Bell, b. Sept. 29, 1885.
- ix. Alfred Elmer, b. Apr. 5, 1887.
- x. Abbott Robinson, b. Apr. 29, 1888.
- xi. Dora Adelaide, b. Nov. 6, 1889.

83. Eugene Herbert<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Charles Cole<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Unite<sup>4</sup>, Unite<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>), the youngest son of Charles Cole<sup>6</sup> and Lucy (Faulkner) Cox, was born in Malden, Mass., June 12 1852. He married Mary Cleveland, daughter of Manson L. and Zipporah A. Mills of Everett. His children are:

- i. Herbert Cleveland, b. July 2, 1875; d. Aug. 29, 1883.
- ii. Charles Manson, b. Feb. 11, 1879.
- iii. Mary Mills, b. 1884.
- iv. Beulah Faulkner, b. May 20, 1887; d. Mar. 17, 1895.
- v. Lucy Faulkner, b. Feb. 4, 1889.





ALFRED ELMER COX

(Charles Cole<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Uriel<sup>4</sup>, Suite<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>)  
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## NOTES ON THE OLD COLONY COX FAMILIES.

BY MRS. ELLA G. S. PEASE, BOSTON, MASS.

"Toby Cox oweth mee ether 23 shill or 25." This, from the will\* of Alexander Winchester of Rehoboth, dated 4, 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 1647, proved June 8, 1648, is the first mention of the name in Plymouth Colony. Nothing is known of him.

William Cox was in Scituate in July, 1676,† at which time a daughter was born to him. His wife was Mary, the daughter of Edward Jenkins. She had, on Mar. 1, 1674-5, been granted a divorce‡ from Marmaduke Atkinson, who had "absented himselfe from her the full tearme of seauen yeaeres and more," and whom Deane says she married in 1670.§

In 1678 Edward Jenkins deeds|| to William and Mary Cox a

\**Plymouth Colony Wills*, Vol. I, p. 156. State House Copy.

†*Scituate Records*, Vol. IV, Part 3, p. 78.

‡"Wherfore altho the Court sees noe cause to graunt a diuorce yett they doe apprehend her to be noe longer bound but doe leaue her to her libertie to marry if she please."—*Plymouth Colony Records*, Vol. V, p. 159 (110).

*Pilgrim Republic*. *Godwin*, p. 597.

§*History of Scituate*, Samuel Deane, p. 295.

¶This Deed Pole made the twentyeth day of December in the yeer of our Lord God one thousand six hundred seauenty and seauen; witnesseth that I Edward Jenkins of Scituatu in the Jurisdiction of New Plymouth in New England in America, husbandman for diuers good causes and considerations mee thervnto moueing and especially for the fatherly affection and Good will; which I haue and doe beare vnto my son in law William Cocke and my Daughter Mary his wife haue Giuen Graunted alliened enfoesed and confeirmed and by these prsnts doe freely fully and absolutely Giue Graunt allien enfoesie and confeirme from me the said Edward Jenkens and my heirs vnto them the said William Cocke and Mary his wife and the her body Lawfully begotten foreuer all that my said tea acres of vpland sett lying and being in Scituate afsaid and Neare Rawlins his Marsh swamp, haueing the Lott of John hollett towards the and the lott of Isacke Chettenden towards the west and the lott of John Ensigne Towards the North and the towne comons towards the South; -- yett Notwithstanding hath and by these prsnts doth Reserue unto himselfe during his life for his owne vse, if hec shall haue Nessesitie therof for a libertie for some Timber or fierwood from the same Land; And it is further agreed and concluded by the prties to these prsnts That if in case William Cocke or Mary his wife or the Last Surviver of them shall depart this life and leaue noe Issue of the body of the said Mary Lawfully begotten Surviveing to take benifitt of this Deed of Gift, and the said prmises heerin contained doe Revert vnto the donee or his heire, Then the said Edward Jenkens doth by these prsnts bind himselfe his heires executors or admnistrators of the Last Surviver of the said William Cocke or Mary his wife, what two Indifferent Men shall Judge the building erected on the said land by the said Cocke or Mary his wife shal bethen worth; and this payment to be made within some Reasonable time. . . .

Memorandum It is Intended, and it is the true meaning of these prsnts that William Cocke is to build a dwelling house vpon the land aboue mensioned or else to take Noe benifitt by this deed of Gift.

Edward Jenkins (Seal)

Witnesses, John Turner and James Cudworth  
*Plymouth Colony Deeds*, Vol. IV, p. 163 (194).



lot of land in Scituate, and this lot is remeasured and laid out to William Cox, Oct. 19, 1695.\*

In the will† of Edward Jenkins dated Mar. 2, 1699, proved Aug. 9, 1699, he mentions his daughter Mary Cox and her daughter Ruth. The only known children, then, of William and Mary Cox are,

Mary, b. Scituate, July, 1676; d. Scituate, June, 1703, [8?]; m. Scituate, Mar. 6, 1694-5, Thomas Curtis, s. of Richard and Lydia (Hollett) Curtis, b. Scituate, Mar. 18, 1659; d. Scituate, Jan. 3, 1738. He m. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Scituate, Sept. 1, 1711, Mary Gilford.‡

Ruth, unm. in 1699.

Deane has mixed these matters badly. He says, Mary Jenkins "afterward married Robert Cooke"; he also says, "Thomas Curtis married Mary, sister of Robert Cooke and daughter of William Cooke."§

William Cox married 2<sup>nd</sup>,|| Scituate, Aug. 30, 1705, Sarah Curtis, daughter of William Curtis, b. Scituate, Aug. 1679, who out-lived him.

Mar. 3, 1692-3, William Cox of Scituate, "seaman," deeds to Joseph Joanes Jr. of Hingham, "cooper" land¶ in Hingham,

\* William Cocks lot of ten acres in the right of Edward Jenkins Remeasured and laid out the 19 : of october 1695 : The bounds of which are as followeth. Beginning at a Stake Standing in the range of Hollets lot and runing west and by north : 20 : rods with the line of John Curtis : And then South and by west : 16 : rods to a Stake and stons And from thence runing west and by north : 26 : rods to a Stake and Stons : And then runing north and by East : 42 : rods : 4-5 : to a Stake and Stons & Then runing East and by South : 46 : rods two the line of hollets lot Laid out by me Thomas Turner. If the aboues ten acres of land be just measure and noe more the bounds thereof are allowed by the men Chosen to approue the bounds of lands that are brought to record. viz : — Capt : Israell Chittenden : Mr nathanell Tilden : and Steuen Vinall : Recorded according to order p me Steuen Vinall : Clearke :

*Conebassett Proprietors' Records*, p. 177.

† "Item I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Cock forty shillings for and during her naturall life And after her decease to her daughter Ruth Cock."

*Plymouth Co. Probate*, Vol. 1, p. 311.

|| *Scituate Records*, Vol. IV, Part 2, pp. 9, 10 ; Part 3, pp. 40, 78 ; Part 4, pp. 238, 242.

*Mayflower Descendant*, pp. 86, 170.

§ *History of Scituate*, Deane, pp. 295, 252.

|| *Scituate Records*, Vol. IV, Part 2, p. 17.

¶ "All his right of the Third Division of Conehassett upland it being a Lott of Shares both parts of it and said Lott is in number the sixty seventh Lott and is bounded with the Lott of Timothy Hewet on one side with the woods Trees, Rocks, Lying Standing Growing or being thereupon \* \* \* containing Five Shares and is in Number the Sixty seventh Lott which Lott was formerly Paul Gilford of Hingham but now is my for the use and bringing up of his son William Gilford as may appear under the hand and Seal of Paul Gilford unto a Instrumt bearing date Fifth of July Anno Domini 1690." 3 Mar. 1692-3. and: — "All that his right of the undivided common Lands in Hingham it being Five shares of common which was formerly Paul Gilford of Hingham but now is my for the use & bringing up" &c. Same date.

*Suffolk Co. Deeds*, Vol. XXI, pp. 336, 338.



given him by Paul Gilford for bringing up his son William.

In 1701, there is recorded for William Cocke "one Red mare of one year old with a Starr in her forehead" "to run on the comons."\* The previous year Robert Cocke had "one little mare a brown bay."

Robert Cocke had been a resident of Scituate about three years, as the following entry in the record book of Town meetings shows.†

Scituate the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1697

-- "And also that upon the 17<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant September Robert Cocks (Haveing Resided in sayd Sittuate about two Months) was warned forthwith to depart sayd Town

Nathanell Tilden  
Select-man"

No evidence of relationship between William and Robert has been found.

In 1702 the town voted‡ "to William Cock for ceeping Thomas Howit Jr last yeare .. i .. o .. o."

June 2, 1707, he§ William Cock deeds to Samuel Turner of Scituate "my Tenn Acre Lott of upland Granted me by The Town of Scituate att a Town Meeting in sd. Scituate March ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1707 being The Eight Lott Lying & being In Scituate aforesd between The paten line & ye Westerly side of a Ceder Swamp comonly called tanton Dean."

His will|| was proved May 1, 1712. His only descendants, so far as known, are those of his daughter Mary who married Thomas Curtis.

\**Scituate Records*, Vol. V, p. 169.

†*Scituate Records*, Vol. VI, p. 132.

‡*Scituate Records*, Vol. VII, p. not numbered.

§*Plymouth Co. Deeds*, Vol. IX, p. 148.

(From the Original.)

¶In he name of god Amen The Last will and estament of [torn] Cok of scituate in the county of plymouth in newengland first I Recomend my soule Unto Jesus Christ my Redemer and my body to A Christian buriall And for the Estate god hath blesed me with I do give & Despoes of the same in maner & for [torn] foloing

Itim I give & bequeth unto my granddaughter deborah Curtis one puter plator

Itim I give & bequeth unt my granddaughter Mary Curtis one puter plator a [torn] one hearthen plator



Itim I give and bequeath unto Sarah my well beloued wife all the Rest [torn] My Estate boath Reall and personall And I do constataute & appointe my sd wife my sole executriks of th [torn] My Last will and testamente and I do hearby Reuoake and disau [torn] All other and former will & wills by me made and this is only to be taken for My Last will and testament In witness hear of I have hear un [torn] set my hand and seall this twentiseuenth Day of march In the — Eleventh year of her Maj's Reign anoque domoni: 1712 —

Signed sealed pronounced and Declared In the sight and presents of us witness

THOMAS CLARK

his  
WILLIAM X CURTIS  
mark

EBENEZER MOTTE

William Cok his X mark  
Memorand That Thomas Clarke & Ebenezer Motte two of the Witnesses to this Will made oath That they saw the abovesd William Cock [torn] Signe Seale & Declare the aboue written [torn] be his last Will & Testament & that Willi [torn] Curtis did then signe with them as a [torn] to the same before me Nathaniel Tho [torn] May the first 1712

Judge of Prob [torn]

*Plymouth Co. Probate, Vol. III, p. 150.*

An Inventory of all and singeller the goods land and chatels of William Cocke late of sitate desed tacken by us whose names are undar written this 18 day of apprell 1712

Item in aparell	03-00-0
Item in booke and mony	05-00-0
Item in beds and furnerter	04-00-0
Item in iron and barse	01-10-0
Item in pouter and Earth ware	01-00-0
Item in a Chas and lining and mouling yarin and flack	01-00-0
Item in a mortar and barell and othere things	01-00-0
Item in porke and other prouison	01-00-0
Item in swine	01-00-0
Item in houseing and lands	50-00-0
Sarah Cock Relict Widdow of the abouesd william Cock made oath the first day of May 1712 that	Samuell Clap Samuell Stodder
the abovewritten is a true Inventory of her said late Husband so far as she Knows & when she Knows of more will Cause it to be added before Nathaniel Thomas Judge of Probate.	
thar is lickwais sum Estat which the wido Sary Cocke saith that it is hares which Shee did rezere to here self before maridg to sd Cock which goods that are left are as foloeth	
Item in a fether bed and furnetur	01-00-0
Item in iron pots and bras and puter	02-06-0
Item in a charn and a toub and traiese and other things	00-10-0

*Plymouth Co. Probate, Vol. III, p. 153.*



The following items from Scituate town and church records perhaps refer to a colored servant of Sarah (Curtis) Cox and her descendants.

Patience daughter of Sarah Curtis alias Cock baptized in adult years 13 - 1 - 1714.

First Church Record.

James Lamb and Patience Cock married 28 - 10 - 1720.

First Church Record. Town Record. "Dec. 28."

Sarah Lamb, daughter of James Lamb baptized 15 - 5 - 1722.

Same.

Ezekiel and James Lamb, children of James Lamb and Patience (a mulatto) his wife, baptized 18 June 1727.

Second Church Record.

Patience Lamb wife of James Lamb (Indus.) admitted to the Second Church, 3 Nov. 1734.

Same.

Richard Cox is mentioned in the will\* of John Williams of Scituate, dated Oct. 15, 1691; — "the Bed and furniture whereon Richard Cox usually Lodgeth," and again, "to Richard Cox £5."

John Logan and Margaret Cox were married at Marshfield†, Jan. 7, 1723-4.

William<sup>1</sup> Cox of Pembroke was born in 1703 (g. s.); where, or of what parents, is not known. On Mch. 16, 1725-6, he bought his first land in Pembroke, being called "of Abington,"‡ and Feb. 10, 1727-8, he bought seven acres more, across the road from the former purchase, and is called "of Hanover."§ In the interval between these purchases, he had married at Scituate, Feb. 16, 1726-7, Mary Ramsden, "both of Scituate."|| During the rest of his life, and at his death, he is "of Pembroke."

He settled upon the land which he first bought, and which, although in Pembroke, was very near to both Hanover and Abington, the Pembroke meeting-house and center of life being at a much greater distance. This portion of Pembroke became in 1746 "the west parish," and in 1820, the town of Hanson.

\*Plymouth Co. Probate, Vol. I, p. 200.

General Advertiser, Vol. IV, p. 25.

†Marshfield Records, Vol. I, p. 147.

‡Plymouth Co. Deeds, Lib. xxvi., p. 213.

§Plymouth Co. Deeds, Lib. xxvi., p. 214.

||Scituate Records, Vol. iv., part 2, p. 28.



Mary Ramsden, or Rainsdell, the wife of William Cox of Pembroke, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ramsdell\*, was born May 9, 1706, the record being upon the first book of Pembroke records,† although, at that time, the town of Pembroke had not been formed.

The birth of Mary, the first child of William and Mary Cox, is recorded at Hanover,‡ where she was baptized by Rev. Nathaniel Eells of the Second Church of Scituate,§ her father having been baptized by him at Hanover, Oct. 8, 1727,|| and her mother at Scituate, May 15, 1715.¶ Neither the birth nor the baptism of Sarah is recorded, but she is mentioned next in her father's will. The births of Rachel, Ruth and Lydia are upon the Pembroke records,\*\* and Lydia's baptism on the record book†† of the First Church of Pembroke, where her father and mother were admitted to membership, July 4, 1731. There is no record of birth or baptism of William and Seth, probably the next younger children. William takes precedence in his father's will. The baptism of Isaac, probably the youngest child, is found upon the record book of the Second Church of Pembroke,††† where his mother was admitted to membership, Aug. 31, 1748, and he is not heard of again.

The children, then, of William and Mary (Ramsdell) Cox, are,—

i. Mary<sup>2</sup>, b. Hanover, Dec. 25, 1727; bapt. Hanover, Mch. 31, 1728; d. Pembroke, Feb. 12, 1787, in her 61st year (g. s.); m. — 1747, (int. Abington, Feb. 27,) §§ Alexander Soper, son of Alexander and Mary (Harden) Soper; b. — 1724; d. Pembroke, Apr. 6, 1801, in his 78th year (g. s.); both buried at Hanson; 6 children, all b. Pembroke.

\*There is on record a statement by the granddaughter of this couple to the effect that the mother of Thomas Ramsdell was an Avery, of Salem, and related to Rev. Mr. Avery of Spencer; and that Sarah, his wife, was born Scituate, Feb. 1682, her maiden name being Alverson. Could she have been a daughter or grand-daughter of Nicholas Albeson, "the Sweede," who is said to have baptized his own children? (See Deane's Hist. of Scituate, p. 211). An Alverson Ramsdell was born in Pembroke, Feb. 8, 1742.

†*Gen. Adv.* Vol. I., p. 59.

‡*Hanover Records*, (printed), p. 6.

§*Records of the Second Church of Scituate*, 2nd book, not paged.

||Same.

¶Same, p. 16.

\*\**Pembroke Records*, 1711-1735, p. 119, and 1735-1791, p. 402.

††A fragment of the first record book of this church, in the handwriting of Rev. Daniel Lewis, is preserved. Not paged.

†††*Gen. Reg.*, Vol. L., p. 287.

§§*Abington Records*, Vol. I., p. 260. He m. (2) Pembroke, Oct. 17, 1790, Deborah Oldham, born Deborah Bowker, widow of Isaac Oldham; she outlived him, and m. (3) Nathaniel Stetson, Feb. 18, 1810.



ii. Sarah<sup>2</sup>, b. — ; living in 1771; d. before 1791; m. Pembroke, Feb. 5, 1747-8, by Rev. Daniel Lewis, John Record of Bridgewater\* (bapt. Bridgewater, May 2, 1725, son of Thomas and Mercy ?), 3 children, bapt. Pembroke 2nd church.

iii. Rachel<sup>2</sup>, b. Pembroke, May 26, 1732; living in 1771; d. before 1791; m. Pembroke, Nov. 15, 1752, by Rev. Gad Hitchcock, Ephraim Hodges of Norton,† b. — ; d. before Feb. 1769; son of Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, (Henry<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>). 7 children. (For descendants of her eldest daughter, Rachel, who m. Gideon Barker, see *Barker Gen.*, p. 22).

The Hodges Family. Almon D. Hodges. 1853. p. 13.

Bristol Co., Probate Rec. Vol. XXI., pp. 149, 403; Vol. XXIV., p. 180.

iv. Ruth<sup>2</sup>, b. Pembroke, Apr. 18, 1734; living in 1792; m. Pembroke, May 22, 1758, by Rev. Gad Hitchcock, John Delano of Duxbury‡, b. — ; d. 1771. 4 children.

v. Lydia<sup>2</sup> b. Pembroke, Feb. 7, 1735-6; bapt. Pembroke, Feb. 15, 1736; d. before 1771; m. Pembroke, June 3, 1756, by Rev. Gad Hitchcock, Timothy Hodges of Norton§; b. Norton, Oct. 11, 1718; d. "about 1791 aged 72"; ||son of Maj. Joseph<sup>3</sup>, (Henry<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) and Bethiah (Williams) Hodges. 6 children.

1. vi. William,<sup>2</sup> b. about 1740.

2. vii. Seth,<sup>2</sup> b. — 1745 (g. s.).

viii. Isaac,<sup>2</sup> bapt. Pembroke, May 9, 1749.†

William<sup>1</sup> Cox of Pembroke made his will\*\* in 1771, and added thereto a codicil in 1782. He died Aug. 10, 1784, "in ye 82<sup>nd</sup> year of his Age" (g. s.). "The widow Mary Cocks" died "March ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1798 aged 93 years" (g. s.).

\*Pembroke Records, 1735, 179 , p. 382.

†Pembroke Records, 1735-1791, p. 384. "Hodge."

‡Pembroke Records, 1735-1791, p. 390.

Plymouth Co. Probate Rec. Vol. XX., p. 558.

§Pembroke Records 1735-1791, p. 385.

||The Hodges Family. Almon D. Hodges, 1853, p. 25.

Bristol Co. Probate Rec., XXXI., p. 209.

¶Gen. Reg., Vol. L., p. 177.

## \*\*THE WILL OF WILLIAM COX OF PEMBROKE.

(From the Original.)

In the name of God Amen —

This sixth day of April one thousand seven Hundred and seuenta one I William Cocks of Pembroke in the County of Plymouth and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New england yeoman, being of sound mind and memory (for which I thank God) calling to mind the mortality of my Body : do make and ordain this my last will and Testament,— First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it, and my Body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my Executor, firmly believing that I shall receive it again at the general Resurrection, by the mighty power of God —

And as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life : I give, demise and dispose of them, in the following mannei,



—Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my well beloued wife Mary, the use of two cows, wintered and summered, yearly — twelve Bushels of Indian Corn and four Bushels of Rye yearly — one hundred pound weight of Beaf yearly — apples out of my orchard sufficient for her private use, and one Barrel of Cyder yearly — the prevelege of raising one Hog with her own grain yearly — ten Bushels of Potatoes yearly — the use of a horse at all times as she shall have occasion — the prevelege of the whole of my dwelling House, to be improued by living in it herself or taking in what person or persons she pleases, togather with the prevelege of improving the whole of my household furniture or indoor moveables during her natural Life — and wood sufficient for one fire delivered at the door cut fit for burning yearly — these and each of these articles and preveleges, I say, I give & bequeath to Mary my wife yearly, and during her natural Life in the room of her thirds or right of Dower, and because I esteem them better for her — — —

Item : I give and bequeath to my well beloued son William his Heirs or assigns foreuer the whole of my home-lot or Lands lying on the western side of the country Road that passes by my house, togather with all the Buildings thereon reserving to my wife the preveleges granted to her — which Lands I bought of Deacon Ford of Pembroke deceased — also the whole of my meadow lying on Indian head Riuer, which I bought of Solomon Beals, and the one half of my Pew in the west meeting House in Pembroke, he, the sd William procuring and allowing to my wife the one half of the continued or yearly articles given to my wife — — —

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloued son Seth his Heirs or assigns foreuer the whole of my Home lot or Lands lying on the eastern side of the country Road that passes by my House, which lands I bought of John Dellingham, Richard Hill, and Alexander Soper, and the one half of my Pew in the west meeting House in Pembroke, also I give him all my Notes, Bonds, and book accompts, he the said Seth procuring and allowing to my wife the one half of the continued or yearly articles giuen to my wife, and defraying my funeral charges and paying all my Just and Lawful Debts — — —

I also hereby Constitute and appoint my son Seth my only Executor of this my last will and Testament — — —

Item. I give & bequeath to my two sons William and Seth aboue mentioned, the whole of my live stock of Cattle of every denomenation, and all my Husbandry tools and Instruments, and other out-door tools and Instruments, such as plows harrows rakes Hoes, Carts, Sledges, Chains, Saws, Shaves, Froes, &c &c to be equally divided between them — — — and also my wearing cloaths to be in like manner divided — — —

Item : I give to my well beloued daughters, whose Names are as follows— viz: Mary, Sarah, Rachel and Ruth, and also to the Children of my daughter Lydia deceased the whole of my household furniture, or in-door moueables, after the decease of my wife, to be equally divided betwen them, only it is my will that the children of my daughter Lydia aforesd deceased, should all together haue but one share or the fifth part of the furniture, or indoor moueables aboue mentioned — — —

And lastly : I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke all and every other former Testament, will, Legacy, Bequest, Executor or Executors by me in any way before Named, willed and bequested Ratifying and Confirming this, and



no other to be my last will and testament — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year aboue written — — —

WILLIAM COCKS Seal

Signed Sealed and declared  
by William Cocks to be his last  
will and testament in the  
presence of us  
HENRY JOSSELYN  
SAMUEL CHANDLER  
SAMUEL RAMSDEN Juner

This third day of nouember 1782 I William Cocks continuing in sound mind and memory, think proper to make and I do make the following addition to and alteration in my last will and Testament viz : in addition to what I have already willed and bequeathed to Mary my well beloved wife, I do will and bequeath unto her, the whole and every part and sum of the money which I shall leaue Collected in my dwelling House at the time of my decease, which money shall be of her own personal earnings as distinct from our Joint earnings, or from my personal earnings, and I do now again ratify and Confirm the aboue and every part of the aboue will and Testament which is not inconsistent with this present addition as being my last will and Testament In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal

WILLIAM COCKS Seal

this addition to the aboue  
will was made and declared  
in the presence of us—  
GAD HITCHCOCK  
GAD HITCHCOCK *jur*  
SAGY HITCHCOCK

August 26th 1784

Proved Aug. 26, 1784.

Plymouth Co. Probate Rec., Vol. XXIX., p. 177.

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WILL OF MARY COCKS OF PEMBROKE.

From the Original.

In the Name of God Amen — — —

This tenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety one ; I Mary Cocks of Pembroke in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Spinster Widow of the late William Cocks of sd Pembroke deceased ; calling to mind the mortality of my Body, do now in Sound mind and memory, make and ordain this my last Will and testament — first I recommend my Soul into the hands of God, who gave it, and my Body to the earth, to be buried in a decent manner, at the discretion of my Executor, believing I shall receive it again at the general Resurrection, — — — and touching such outward good things as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of them in the following manner — — imprimis I give and bequeath to my son Seth, the whole of my right in the public Note, with the Interest thereof, which he has in his hands, and also the Note of hand of three pounds, with the Interest thereof which I



have against him — — item I give to my Grandson Elisha Record, son of my daughter Sarah deceased, the two Dollars which he borrowed of me, this being done and my just Debts paid and funeral charges defrayed, in which I include graves stones which I order my Executor to procure, it is then my will and I order that the whole of the Residue of my estate of every and whatever Kind and denomination should be divided into five equal parts; whereof I give the one fifth part to my daughter Ruth, and the one fifth part I give to my Grand daughters equally, the children of my daughter Mary deceased, viz. Mary, Betty, and Deborah, and the one fifth part I give to my Grand daughters equally, the children of my daughter Rachel deceased, viz; Rachel and Experience, and the one fifth part I give to my Grand daughters equally, the children of my Daughter Lydia deceased; viz. Lydia, Sarah, Bethiah and Betty, *and the one fifth part I give to my Grand daughters equally, the children of my daughter Ruth, viz. Ruth and Sarah* — and it is my Will that the two Dollars which Gideon Barker borrowed of me, Husband of my grand daughter Rachel should be reckoned, in making up her part of the fifth part of my estate given to her and her Sister equally,—it is also my will that what each Grand daughter shall receive of my estate in money should be laid out by them in pewter or brass for their own use,— it is furthermore my will that if the several Legatees do not agree in the division above specified, my executor shall make the division, in his best Judgment agreeable to the Intention of this will, and I hereby constitute and appoint Doct Gad Hitchcock Physician Sole Executor of this my last will and testament — — and finally I do hereby utterly disallow and revoke all and every other former testament, will, Legacy, bequest or Executor by me in any way before named ; ratifying and confirming this, and no other to be my last Will and testament — in witness whereof I do hereto set my hand and seal the day and year above written — — —

Signed Sealed and declared  
by Mary Cocks to be her  
last will and testament  
in Presence of us —

JOHN BAILEY Junr.  
NATHANIEL THOMAS  
LOL PHILLIPS

<sup>Her</sup>  
MARY X COCKS Seal  
Mark

This fourth day of September 1792, I Mary Cocks being still of sound mind and memory, do make the following alteration in my foregoing will, viz. the fifth part of my estate of every kind which I have given in my above will to my Grand daughters Ruth and Sarah, I hereby nullify and make void, and I now transfer and give it to my daughter Ruth, in addition to the other fifth part which I have already given to sd daughter Ruth, and this I do in consideration of sd Ruth's having promised, on the account of my doing it, to take care of me during my old age — — — in witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal — — —

this alteration of the above will was  
signed sealed and declared in the  
presence of us.

NATHANIEL THOMAS  
SAGY HITCHCOCK  
BETTY THOMAS

MARY X COCKS Seal  
<sup>her</sup>  
mark  
NATH! THOMAS

&  
LOL PHILLIPS  
Sworn May 7<sup>th</sup> 98  
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2. William<sup>2</sup> Cox (William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>1</sup> and Mary (Ramsdell) Cox, probably\* born at Pembroke, Mass., about 1740; died Harrison, Me., about Aug. 1, 1817. He married first, Pembroke, Jan. 21, 1762, Mary<sup>6</sup> Josselyn "Jr.", daughter of Abrahams<sup>5</sup> (Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>), and Mary<sup>5</sup> (Soule) Josselyn† of Pembroke; born Pembroke, Feb. 8, 1742; died Chatham, N. H., June 19, 1816, "aged 73" (g. s.).‡ He married second, Harrison, Me., June 17, 1817, Mary Lewis of Harrison, who married second, April 19, 1818, James Gray of Bridgton, Me., and third, May 6, 1852, Paul Whitcomb of Sweden, Me. At the time of her marriage to William Cox, she was about thirty-five years of age.

With his brother Seth, he marched from the West parish of Pembroke to Scituate and Marshfield, under Capt. James Hatch, on the alarm of April 19, 1775.§

He received from his father, Jan. 5, 1768, sixteen acres of land in Pembroke, with half a dwelling-house, and half the privilege of going to and returning from it; the other half of the house, with the same quantity of land and privilege having been deeded to his brother Seth the previous day.||

The number of deeds in his name recorded at Plymouth, show him to have been a man of affairs during his residence in Pembroke. His father's homestead, left to him by will in 1784, he transferred the same year to Richard Estes of Hanover, and Lewis Vose of Milton, reserving to his mother the use of the house during her life.¶ At this time he was living in Chatham, N. H., to which place he removed with his family, between Dec. 1780, when he deeded land to Isaac Buck of Scituate, at Pembroke, \*\* and Oct., 1783, when he, with his wife Mary, "now liv-

\*By the testimony of two of his granddaughters, his age at the time of his second marriage was "over eighty," which would place the date of his birth before 1737. He died "six weeks after" this marriage.

†Mary<sup>5</sup> (Soule) Josselyn (Isaac<sup>4</sup>, Moses<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>1</sup>), was a descendant of John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden, and of George Soule, all passengers on the first voyage of the "Mayflower"; and of Constant Southworth, the treasurer of Plymouth Colony.

‡Mary (Josselyn) Cox, and her daughter Mary (Cox) Robinson, were buried on the Robinson farm, and in 1900 were removed to the cemetery given to the town by her son Isaac.

§Mass. Soldiers and Sailors, Vol. IV., p. 56.

||Plymouth Co. Deeds, Vol. LIV., p. 266.

¶Plymouth Co. Deeds, Vol. LXIII., p. 142.

\*\*Plymouth Co. Deeds, Vol. LXXI., p. 8.



ing in the State of New Hampshire," deeded to Reuben Clark, their brother-in-law, land "set off to Abraham Josselyn and my wife Mary Cox out of their Father's Abraham Josselyn's Estate."\*

Together with his son-in-law, Capt. Increase Robinson,† he settled on what was known as Langdon's location, now Chatham, N. H., cutting the way from Fryeburg, Me. through the woods. He also owned a tract of three hundred acres in Stow, Me., on the State line between New Hampshire and Maine.

On Aug. 15, 1797, William Cox and Mary his wife, gave to their son, William Jr., a power of attorney to receive and dispose of their shares "out of the Estate that was Late the Dower of Each of our Mothers";‡ and by this power of attorney, William Jr., sold to Nathan Sprague of Pembroke, his uncle, Nov. 20, 1797, "All the Right belonging to my said father and mother William and Mary Cox it being one Eleventh part of all the thirds set off to the widow Mary Josselyne, Late of Berry, in the county of Worcester, Decd."§

The "History of Carroll Co., N. H.," does him an injustice which should be corrected here. It says: "To avoid military service, he sold his property and brought the proceeds, 2,000 Spanish milled dollars, for investment here" (Chatham)||. He had already rendered military service, though not of long duration, and did not go to New Hampshire until about the close of the war. It was William, and not Isaac Cox, who "built the first frame-house in 1781, and also the first mill," if either were built at that time.¶

The first town meeting of Chatham was held at his house, March 4, 1799, and he was chosen moderator; and they continued to be held there for many years.\*\*

He was a man of large stature, much over six feet, as were both his sons; and at the time of his second marriage, "his

\**Plymouth Co. Deeds*, Vol. LXIII., p. 166.

†There is a tradition among his descendants that he was interested in the affair of the Gaspé.

‡*Plymouth Co. Deeds*, Vol. LXXXV., p. 26.

§*Plymouth Co. Deeds*, Vol. LXXXV., p. 26.

||History of Carroll Co., N. H., Merrill, 1889, p. 979.

¶Same, p. 981.

\*\*Chatham, N. H. Records.



complexion was pink and white, like a girl's, and he showed no sign of age." This is the testimony of his widow to her grandchildren.

At the time of this marriage, he gave his property at Chatham to his son Isaac, and bought, June 9, 1817, a small farm\* of sixty acres in Harrison, Me., on the banks of Long pond, where he died and is buried. This farm was sold by his son and executor, William<sup>3</sup> Cox, of Norway, Me., May 10, 1819, reserving the widow's right of dower.†

Children,‡

- i. Mary<sup>3</sup>, b. Pembroke, May 13, 1763 ("Pollie"); bpt. 2nd church, June 1763; d. Chatham, N. H., Feb. 4, 1812, aged 48 years, 8 mos. and 22 days (g. s.); m. Pembroke, March 11, 1781 ("Polley"), Capt. Increase Robinson, son of Gain and Lydia ( ) Robinson, b. Abington, April 26, 1756; d. Standish, Me. Res. Chatham. 5 ch.
- 4. ii. Isaac<sup>3</sup>, b. Pembroke, Sept. 20, 1765.
- iii. William<sup>3</sup>, bapt. Pembroke, 2nd church, Nov. 14, 1767.
- iv. Lydia<sup>3</sup>, b. Pembroke, Aug. 29, 1768; bapt. 2nd church, Nov. 5; d. before 1786.
- 5. v. William<sup>3</sup>, b. Pembroke, Sept. 7, 1774.
- vi. Nancy<sup>3</sup>, b. Pembroke, Feb. 17, 1779; bapt. 2nd church, April 14; d. Stow, Me., Sept. 20, 1821; m. Chatham, N. H., Oct. 11, 1798, John Walker Jr., b. April 27, 1773. Res. Stow. 9 ch.
- vii. Lydia<sup>3</sup>, b. Chatham, N. H., June 6, 1786; d. Lovell, Me., Feb. 17, 1826; m. Chatham, Dec. 17, 1801, Levi<sup>6</sup> Stearns (John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Isaac<sup>1</sup>), b. Billerica, about 1765; d. Lovell, Nov. 8, 1857. lie m. 2nd, 1827, Mrs. Susan Eastman. Res. Lovell. 9 ch.
- 3. Seth<sup>2</sup> Cox (William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>1</sup> and Mary (Ramsdell) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., 1745; died Pembroke, May 16, 1806, "aged 61" (g. s.). He married, Pembroke, Dec. 19, 1765, Elizabeth Josselyn, daughter of Abraham<sup>5</sup> and Mary (Soule) Josselyn, a younger sister of his brother's wife, born Pembroke, Dec. 21, 1746, who survived him. He responded to the Lexington alarm, and was in the engagement at Dorchester Heights. §

\*Cumberland Co. Deeds, Vol. LXXX., p. 229.

†Cumberland Co. Deeds, Vol. LXXXIV., p. 548.

‡Pembroke Records, 1735-1791.

Abington Records.

Pembroke Second Church Records.

Chatham, N. H. Records.

Stow, Me. Records.

Lovell, Me. Records.

Harrison, Me. Records.

\*Mass. Soldiers and Sailors, Vol. iv., p. 54.



He received from his father in 1768, sixteen acres of land and half a dwelling-house, as noted above, and was the executor of his father's will in 1784. He lived and died in the West parish of Pembroke, now Hanson. His will, dated Feb. 25, 1805, proved June 2, 1806, "yeoman," mentions his wife Elizabeth, his three sons, Seth, Ephraim, and Enos, and his daughter Elizabeth; son Enos to be executor. The inventory included sixteen acres homestead, one-half a pew in the meeting-house, and "a large bible."\*

Children, all recorded at Pembroke,

- 6. i. Seth<sup>3</sup>, b. July 30, 1766.
- 7. ii. Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, b. July 28, 1769.
- 8. iv. Enos<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 29, 1771.
- v. Elizabeth Josselyn<sup>3</sup>, b. Aug. 10, 1774; bapt. 2nd church, Aug. 14; m. May 20, 1798, Samuel William<sup>6</sup> Josselyn\*, son of Thomas<sup>5</sup> and Patience (Barker) Josselyn, b. Pembroke, April 3, 1772. 4 ch.

4. Isaac<sup>3</sup> Cox (William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Josselyn) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., Sept. 20, 1765; baptized 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Sept. 22. He married Susannah Walker, who died at Chatham, N. H., Sept. 15, 1827, in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of her age (g. s.).

The "History of Carroll Co., N. H.," says: "Isaac Cox and Susannah Walker were the first couple married in Chatham,"† but there is no record there of the marriage. It also says, "Isaac Cox was the second person to die in Chatham,"‡ but this is not true, as he was living when his wife died in 1827. He inherited the Chatham property from his father, and gave a quarter of an acre of it to the town for a cemetery, the deed being dated, Nov. 12, 1825. Here his wife and grandson are buried, but his grave, if there, is unmarked. Before this time, the burials had been on the Robinson farm. After his death, his property was many years in litigation, and finally passed out of the family altogether.

"Mrs. Cox was a woman of energy, endurance and education. She understood surveying and ran many of the lines."§

\**Plymouth Co. Probate Rec.*, Vol. XL., p. 453.

\*Samuel William<sup>6</sup> Josselyn (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, Henry<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>).

†*History of Carroll Co.*, p. 981.

‡Same.

§Same.



## Children,

- i. Polly<sup>4</sup>, b.——; m. Chatham, Sept. 28, 1815, Abner Gee of Chatham, who d. Bridgton, Me., about 1885, in his 91st year; bur. at Brownfield, Me. 5 ch.
- ii. Betsy<sup>4</sup>, b.——; m. Chatham, Dec. 25, 1816, William Rounds of Buxton, Me. Res. Bangor, Me. 5 ch.

Abner Gee, called "Lieut." on his son's gravestone, and "Captain" by his granddaughter, was a notable musician, and his son, Abner Jr., taught dancing. A grandson, Volney Barker, invented the corn-cutter.

5. William<sup>3</sup> Cox (William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>2</sup> and Mary (Josselyn) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., Sept. 7, 1774; baptized 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Oct. 9; died Norway, Me., April 7, 1847; married, Chatham, N. H., Feb. 7, 1802, Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> Phipps, daughter of Samuel<sup>5</sup>\* and Mary (Maxfield) Phipps of Chatham; born Chatham, Aug. 31, 1784; died Norway, Feb. 18, 1854.

His visit to Pembroke in 1797, was far more momentous than a trip to Europe a hundred years later. At his marriage, he settled on his father's land in Stow, Me., and in 1808, removed to Norway, Me., going into business with his nephew, Increase Robinson Jr., under the firm name of "Cox & Robinson." He bought the first two-story house built in Norway,<sup>†</sup> which he occupied until 1843, when, none of his sons wishing to continue the business, he exchanged his village property for a farm at North Norway. Here he and his wife died, and were buried in a new tomb just in front of the parlor windows, but have since been removed to the cemetery. He was a strong Baptist, and a representative to the Baptist Association fifteen times.<sup>‡</sup> It is said that after the visit of a lecturer on temperance to the town, he poured all the liquor in his store into the street, and never sold any afterward. He was over six feet in height, large, and of a fair complexion, with black eyes.

## Children,

- i. Mary Ann<sup>4</sup>, b. Chatham, N. H., Dec. 16, 1802; d. Stow, Me., Jan. 5, 1803.
- 9. ii. Abraham Josselyn<sup>4</sup>, b. Chatham, Nov. 4, 1804.
- 10. iii. Thomas Jefferson<sup>4</sup>, b. Stow, Me., June 25, 1806.
- 11. iv. William<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Me., Aug. 23, 1808.
- v. Caroline Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Me., Mar. 23, 1810; d. Boston, May 16, 1895; m. Portland, Me., July 16, 1832, Capt. William Henry<sup>7</sup> Sweetser, son of Prince<sup>6</sup>\* and Lucy (Pratt) Sweetser\* of Cumberland, Me., b. North Yarmouth, Me., Dec. 12, 1807; d. Newton, Mass., Aug. 13, 1872. 4 ch.



- vi. Mary Ann<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Feb. 19, 1812; d. Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 9, 1888; m. Norway, Sept. 24, 1835, Ammi Prince<sup>7</sup> Sweetser, son of Prince and Lucy (Pratt) Sweetser, b. North Yarmouth, Oct. 14, 1809; d. Chesterfield, Ind., Nov. 28, 1864. 5 ch.
- 12. vii. Samuel Phipps<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Nov. 23, 1813.
- 13. viii. George Washington<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Oct. 22, 1815.
- ix. Louisa Ann<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, May 14, 1816; d. Colebrook, N. H., Feb. 16, 1874; m. Norway, Feb. 24, 1839, Dr. Augustus Harris, son of Amariah and Abigail (Daniels) Harris, b. Paris, Me., Sept. 29, 1811; d. Colebrook, April 20, 1874. 2 ch.
- x. Abigail Phipps<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Dec. 29, 1818; d. Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 1, 1853; m. 1st, Norway, Nov. 2, 1842, Leonard Brown, of Oxford, Me., who d. April 30, 1844; m. 2nd, Bloomington, Sept. 12, 1850, William Matthews, b. Rochester, Vt., June 14, 1810; he m. twice after, and d. April 4, 1904. 2 ch.
- xi. Edwin Stedman<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Aug. 31, 1820; d. Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 17, 1840.
- 14. xii. James Hooper<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, April 21, 1822.
- xiii. Rowena<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Oct. 7, 1824; m. Norway, May 9, 1843, Claudius Augustus Noyes, son of David and Mary Shedd (Needham) Noyes, b. Norway, Oct. 17, 1820. 6 ch.
- xiv. Algernon Prescott<sup>4</sup>, b. Norway, Sept. 4, 1826; d. Norway, Sept. 15, 1832.

It was always understood in this family that their father was of Welsh descent. A curious commentary on naming children, is the fact that Thomas Jefferson Cox was the only democrat in that branch of the family.

6. Seth<sup>3</sup> Cox (Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Seth<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Josselyn), Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., July 30, 1766; baptized 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Aug. 24; died Pembroke, Dec. 26, 1834. He married first, Pembroke, Nov. 8, 1789, Mary Bramhall of Pembroke, who died Sept. 19, 1817, aged 49. He married second, Pembroke, Nov. 17, 1818, Mrs. Priscilla Allen of Pembroke, who died Feb. 23, 1830, aged 62. He married third, Margery Gardner, who survived him, and died Feb. 9, 1852, aged 86.\*

His will, dated July 7, 1834, proved Jan. 21, 1835, "yeoman," mentions the children of son Seth Jr., deceased, daughter Mehitable Pratt, daughter Deborah Jones, and a pew in the Congregational meeting-house. Wife Margery to be executor.\*

\*Samuel<sup>5</sup> Phipps (Elijah<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Solomon<sup>1</sup>).

†Lapham's History of Norway, Oxford Co., Me. p. 132.

‡Same, p. 197.

\*Prince<sup>6</sup> Sweetser (Salathiel<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Benj.<sup>3</sup>, Benj.<sup>2</sup>, Seth<sup>1</sup>). He was descended from Elder William Brewster, of the "Mayflower," and from Elder John Prince, of Hull.

\*Lucy<sup>6</sup> Pratt (Thomas<sup>5</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Matthew<sup>1</sup>).

\*These dates of death with ages, are very kindly supplied by Mr. William Cox of Hanson.

†Plymouth Co. Probate Rec. LXXVII., p. 16.



## Children,

- i. Mehitable<sup>4</sup>, bapt. 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Pembroke, Sept. 5, 1790 ("Hetty"); m. Pembroke, Dec. 27, 1812, Thomas Pratt Jr., of Pembroke.
  - ii. Isaac<sup>4</sup>, bapt. 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Pembroke, July 25, 1793.
  - iii. Seth<sup>4</sup>, d. before 1834; m. —— Thayer.
  - iv. Deborah<sup>4</sup>, m. —— James. "Lots of ch."
7. Ephraim<sup>3</sup> Cox (Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Seth<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Josselyn) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., July 28, 1769; baptized 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Pembroke, Sept. 17; died Hanson,\* Mass., Feb. 26, 1835, aged 65 (g. s.). He married, Abington, Dec. 11, 1798, Nancy Stetson of Abington, who died Hanson, Dec. 19, 1852, aged 73 (g. s.). He carried the mail fourteen years.

## Children,

15. i. Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, March 20, 1800.
- ii. Nancy<sup>4</sup>, d. an infant.
- iii. Levi<sup>4</sup>, d. an infant.
16. iv. Whitcomb Stetson<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, Oct. 15, 1805.
- v. Nancy<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, Sept. 8, 1807; m. Levi Ramsdell. 1 ch.
- vi. Mary<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, March 4, 1810, m. Elbridge Ramsdell, bro. of Levi. 1 ch.
- vii. Harriet<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, May 23, 1813; m. John L. Elms, of Hanson. 3 ch.
- viii. Elizabeth B.<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, April 2, 1816; d. Jan. 23, 1875; m. Oliver H. Simmons, b. N. H., Sept. 10, 1813; d. Jan. 14, 1883. 8 ch.
17. ix. William<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, Dec. 25, 1818.
18. x. Charles Judson<sup>4</sup>.

8. Enos<sup>3</sup> Cox (Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Seth<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth (Josselyn) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., Aug. 29, 1771; baptized 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Sept. 29; died Hanson, Mass., March 9, 1843, aged 71 years, 8 months. He married first, Abington, Mar. 10, 1799, Lydia Nash, daughter of Major Luke and Nabby (Smith) Nash; born Abington, Sept. 8, 1781; died May 11, 1806, aged 25 (g. s.). He married, second, Bridgewater, 1808, Betsey (Hobart) Harden, widow of Melvin Harden; born June 27, 1783; d. Hanson, Sept. 1, 1852, aged 83.\*

## Children by Lydia,

- i. Lydia<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, Sept. 29, 1799; bapt. 2<sup>nd</sup> church, Nov. 17; m. —— Pool.
- ii. Betsy<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, March 6, 1801; m. Pembroke, June 20, 1819, Robert Cook of Abington.
- iii. Sally<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, Sept. 3, 1803; m. —— Whitmarsh.
19. iv. Enos<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, Feb. 28, 1806.

## Children by Betsey,

- v. Mariah H.<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, April 15, 1809; d. Aug. 15, 1839; m. April 6, 1826, Thomas Cook.

\*The west parish of Pembroke, formed in 1748, became the town of Hanson in 1820.

<sup>\*</sup>Bible of Enos<sup>3</sup> Cox.



- vi. Susannah Nash<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, April 15, 1810; m. June 27, 1833, Luke B. Noyes of Whitman. 6 ch.
- vii. Esther H.<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, June 11, 1814; m. —— Sampson.
- 20. viii. Joseph Hobart<sup>4</sup>, b. Pembroke, Dec. 4, 1815.
- ix. Mary Drake<sup>4</sup>, b. Hanson, June 10, 1824; m. Sylvanus Stickney. 1 dau.
- 21. x. Hiram G.<sup>4</sup>, b. Hanson, Feb. 15, 1830.

9. Abraham Josselyn<sup>4</sup> Cox (William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Phipps) Cox, born Chatham, N. H., Nov. 4, 1804; died Bath, N. Y., July 28, 1884. He married Albany, about 1830, Anna Eliza (Drake) Bradt, widow of Garret Bradt, of Albany. He was in business in Albany a number of years, and for twenty years was Captain of the third precinct police force.

Children,

- i. William<sup>5</sup>, b. about 1835; d. an infant.
- ii. George<sup>5</sup>, b. about 1838; d. an infant.
- iii. Sarah Louise<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 11, 1845; d. Beatrice, Neb., May 5, 1880; m. Amri Boyd of Albany. 2 ch.
- iv. Georgianna<sup>5</sup>, b. March 11, 1840; m. Dec. 15, 1862, John H. Brooks of Burlington, Vt. 5 ch.
- v. Caroline<sup>5</sup>, b. July 20, 1842; m. Aug. 2, 1860, Chapin W. Jones of Buffalo, N. Y. 6 ch.
- vi. Eliza H.<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 7, 1851; m. Dec. 20, 1871, Albert Snyder of Albany. 1 ch.

10. Thomas Jefferson<sup>4</sup> Cox (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Phipps) Cox, born Stow, Me., June 25, 1806; died Dixfield, Me., May 13, 1885. He married first, Norway, Me., Jan. 25, 1831, Almira Millett, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Dinsmore) Millett; born Norway, May 21, 1807; died Dixfield, Aug. 24, 1868. He married second, Mary S. (Millett) White, a sister of his first wife, and widow of Amos White of Dixfield, born Norway, Sept. 9, 1816.

Children, all born Dixfield,

- i. Solomon Millett<sup>5</sup>, b. April 19, 1832; d. Dixfield, May 16, 1848.
- ii. Algernon Prescott<sup>5</sup>, b. March 30, 1833; d. Dixfield, Dec. 18, 1834.
- 22. iii. Thomas Jefferson<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 22, 1837.
- iv. Algernon Prescott<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 13, 1839; d. Dixfield, Nov. 15, 1841.
- v. Hiram Millett<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 31, 1843.
- vi. Texanna<sup>5</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1844; d. Dixfield, Feb. 20, 1865.
- 24. vii. George Henry<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 22, 1849.



## SEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION.

The Seventh Annual Reunion and Banquet of the New England Cox Family Association, was held in the New Century Building, Huntington Ave., Boston, November 24, 1903. About 80 persons were present.

Governor Bates was the guest of the evening, and made a very happy speech. Other speakers were Mr. Kellogg Durland, L. E. Holden, of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Charles M. Cox, of Melrose, and Mr. Guy W. Cox, of Boston. Excellent music was rendered by talent from the N. E. Conservatory of Music, and the social spirit of the entire evening was of a delightful character.

After reports of Secretary, Treasurer and Historian, the following officers were elected :

President, MR. GUY W. COX, BOSTON, MASS.

Vice-Pres., MR. L. E. HOLDEN, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

Secretary, MR. E. J. COX, NEWTONVILLE, MASS.

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## INFORMATION WANTED.

Identification of any of the Coxes mentioned in these notes, their relation to any Cox family or line, and further information, dates of birth, marriage, death, or record of public service relative to any Cox family, whether mentioned herein or not, is earnestly solicited by the

HISTORIAN.



11. William<sup>4</sup> Cox (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Phipps) Cox, born Norway, Me., Aug. 23, 1808, died Norway. He married Norway, Sept. 3, 1839, Elizabeth Sophronia Millett,\* daughter of Nathaniel and Martha (Merrill) Millett, born Norway, Aug. 30, 1819; died Norway.

Children, all born Norway,

- i. Abby Rowena<sup>5</sup>, b. May 11, 1842; m. Norway, March 19, 1875, Otis Bosworth, b. Hartford, Nov. 14, 1844; d. Norway, May 10, 1877.  
No children.
- 25. ii. William Francis<sup>5</sup>, b. Nov. 28, 1843.
- iii. Elizabeth Jane<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 4, 1846; d. Norway, Sept., 1898. unm.
- 26. iv. Edwin Augustus<sup>5</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1848.
- v. Martha Ella<sup>5</sup>, b. July 7, 1850.
- vi. Minerva Etta<sup>5</sup>, b. July 7, 1850; d. Oct. 5, 1850.
- vii. Charles Fremont<sup>5</sup>, b. Dec. 3, 1857; d. Jan. 5, 1858.
- viii. Arthur Lincoln<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 25, 1864; d. March 18, 1872.

12. Samuel Phipps<sup>4</sup> Cox (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Phipps) Cox; born Norway, Me., Nov. 23, 1813; died Bloomington, Ill., June 2, 1895. He married first, Atlanta, Ill., Nov. 17, 1841, Mary Turner, daughter of Robert and Catherine (Jones) Turner, born Xenia, Ohio, March 2, 1819; died Bloomington, Sept. 25, 1879. He married second, Bloomington, Oct. 26, 1882, Arkie Lucinda Bandon, who survives him.

Children,

- i. Catherine Turner<sup>5</sup>, b. Hudson, Ill., Dec. 12, 1842; m. Bloomington, June 27, 1867, Fletcher Stewart Bunn. 2 ch.
- ii. Elizabeth<sup>5</sup>, b. Hudson, April 5, 1844; d. Galena, Ill., Dec. 30, 1847.
- 27. iii. Edwin Stillman<sup>5</sup>, b. Hudson, Oct. 24, 1846.
- iv. Abby Jane<sup>5</sup>, b. Hudson, March 17, 1850. Art teacher, East Greenwich Academy, R. I. unm.
- v. Samuel Harvey<sup>5</sup>, b. Hudson, Oct. 7, 1854. Res. Hardman, Oregon, unm.
- vi. Mary Emma<sup>5</sup>, b. Bloomington, March 1, 1858; m. Bloomington, Nov. 24, 1881, Frank Robinson Henderson, son of Franklin and Sarah (Metcalf) Henderson of Bloomington. Res., Los Angeles, Cal. 1 ch.

13. George Washington<sup>4</sup> Cox (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Phipps) Cox, born Norway, Me., Oct. 22, 1815; died McLain Co., Ill., June 30, 1874. He married first, McLain Co., March 24, 1842, Nancy Jane Loving, daughter of Taylor Loving of Gridley Township, who died

\*Cousin of Almira (Millett) Cox.



Feb. 16, 1863. He married second, Aug. 12, 1863, Nancy, widow of Joseph Potter of Kappa, Ill.

Children, all born McLain Co.,

- 28. i. James William<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 10, 1844.
- ii. Mary Louisa<sup>5</sup>, b. April 20, 1846; m. Kappa, Ill., Jan. 15, 1860, Wesley Bowers, son of John and Elizabeth (Bysel) Bowers, b. Hancock Co., Ohio, Sept. 23, 1839; d. Stillwater, Oklahoma, June 22, 1901. 10 ch.
- iii. Philip<sup>5</sup>.
- 29. iv. Henry W.<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1854.
- v. Charles Sumner<sup>5</sup>.

14. James Hooper<sup>4</sup> Cox (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>3</sup> and Elizabeth (Phipps) Cox, born Norway, Me., April 21, 1822; died Hudson, Ill., May 9, 1900. He married Waterford, Me., Feb. 5, 1846, Mary Ann Chadbourne, daughter of James H. and Mercy (Scribner) Chadbourne of Waterford; born Harrison, Me., Oct. 6, 1825; died Hudson, Ill., Dec. 22, 1891.

Children,

- 30. i. Charles Edwin<sup>5</sup>, b. Waterford, Me., Sept. 24, 1848.
- ii. Flora Sweetser<sup>5</sup>, b. Waterford, Me., June 5, 1850; m. Hudson, Ill., March 17, 1872, John Wesley Aldrich, b. Uxbridge, Mass., Dec. 10, 1838. Res., Normal, Ill. 4 ch.
- iii. Nettie Viletta<sup>5</sup>, b. Hudson, Ill., Dec. 5, 1856; m. Hudson, Oct. 6, 1880, Rev. F. Marion Smith. No ch.
- 31. iv. Herbert Melvin<sup>5</sup>, b. Bloomington, Ill., July 17, 1861.
- 32. v. Harry Whitmore<sup>5</sup>, b. Bloomington, Ill., July 17, 1861.

15. Ephraim<sup>4</sup> Cox (Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Ephraim<sup>3</sup> and Nancy (Stetson) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., March 20, 1800; d. 1878. He married first, Charlotte Elms; married second, Almira T———, who survived him. His will, dated April 11, 1873, proved Jan. 30, 1878, mentions daughter Lucy W. Sampson; she to have her mother's gold necklace; son Levi S. Cox, and son Albert F. Cox. Wife Almira T. Cox to be executor.\*

Children,

- i. Lucy W.<sup>5</sup>, m. Bartlett Sampson. Res., Whitman. 2 ch.
- ii. Levi Stetson<sup>5</sup>, b. 1826; d. 1887; m. Caroline Perry.
- iii. Eliza Jane<sup>5</sup>.
- iv. Albert Franklin<sup>5</sup>, m. Mary Jones.

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\*Plymouth Co. Probate Rec., Vol. CXLII., p. 419.



16. Whitcomb Stetson<sup>4</sup> Cox (Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Ephraim<sup>3</sup> and Nancy (Stetson) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass. Oct. 15, 1805; died Hanson, Mass., Feb. 2, 1856, "aged 51" (g. s.). He married Almira Ford Delano, who died June 11, 1877, "aged 69 years, 1 month, 11 days" (g. s.). Res., Hanson.

Children,

i. Almira<sup>5</sup>, m. John W. Atkins. 2 ch.

17. William<sup>4</sup> Cox (Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) son of Ephraim<sup>3</sup> and Nancy (Stetson) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., Dec. 25, 1818; married Phebe H. Sampson. Res., Hanson.

Children,

i. Mary Augusta<sup>5</sup>, b. Hanson; d. Hanson, Sept. 4, 1843, "aged 1 year, 6 months" (g. s.).

18. Charles Judson<sup>4</sup> Cox (Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Ephraim<sup>3</sup> and Nancy (Stetson) Cox, born ———; married, first, Jane Hartwell, who died Feb. 15, 1860. He married second, June 4, 1865, Joanna L. Josselyn of Pembroke.

Children,

i. Ida H.<sup>5</sup>, ("Adar"), b. Duxbury, Mass., Jan. 3, 1850; m. Henry Ford Res., Boston.

19. Enos<sup>4</sup> Cox (Enos<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Enos<sup>3</sup> and Lydia (Nash) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., Feb. 28, 1806; died Abington, Mass., Oct. 17, 1893; married Abington, June 19, 1828, Rebekah Orcutt, daughter of Moses and Meribah (Jordan) Orcutt, born Weymouth, Mass., June 1, 1811; died Abington, Aug. 1887. He was an infant when his mother died and was taken and brought up by her sisters.

Children, born Abington,

33. i. Samuel Nash<sup>5</sup>, b. June, 1830.

34. ii. James Francis<sup>5</sup>, b. March 6, 1832.

20. Joseph Hobart<sup>4</sup> Cox (Enos<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Enos<sup>3</sup> and Betsy (Hobart) (Harden) Cox, born Pembroke, Mass., Dec. 4, 1815; m. Lydia Cushman Lyon.

Children,

i. Hannah Bradford<sup>5</sup>, m. Walton Bates. Res., West Hanover.

ii. Lucius Gilbert<sup>5</sup>, d. aged 25.

35. iii. Samuel Otis<sup>5</sup>.



21. Hiram G.<sup>4</sup> Cox (Enos<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Enos<sup>3</sup> and Betsy (Hobart) (Harden) Cox, born Hanson, Mass., Feb. 15, 1830; died 1889; married Caroline Raymond.

Children, all born Duxbury, Mass.,

- i. Hiram Franklin<sup>5</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1855; d. Duxbury, Oct. 6, 1856.
- 36. ii. Charles Raymond<sup>5</sup>, b. April 23, 1857.
- iii. Angie May<sup>5</sup>, b. Jan. 27, 1859; m. Ezra Warren Clist. 1 ch.
- iv. Carrie E.<sup>5</sup>, b. April 12, 1861; m. Herbert Fish. 3 ch.

22. Thomas Jefferson<sup>5</sup> Cox (Thomas J.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Thomas Jefferson<sup>4</sup> and Almira (Millett) Cox, born Dixfield, Me., Oct. 22, 1837; married Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 22, 1859, Emma Rouse, daughter of Col. John and Jane (Evans) Rouse. Res., Denver, Col.

Children, born Bloomington, Ill.

- i. Cora Ella<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 22, 1860; m. Bloomington, June 26, 1884, Gustave Gehlert. Res., Chicago. 2 ch.
- ii. Leah Myra<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 27, 1865; m. Denver, Col., Jan. 24, 1893, Charles Hudson Burr. Res., Bloomington. 1 ch.

23. Hiram Millett<sup>5</sup> Cox (Thomas J.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Thomas Jefferson<sup>4</sup> and Almira (Millett) Cox, born Dixfield, Me., Jan. 31, 1843; married Brunswick, Me., Jan. 3, 1865, Henrietta Octavia Perry, daughter of John W.\* and Laura Bryant (Smith) Perry, born Brunswick, June 29, 1844. Res., Portland, Me.

Children, all born Dixfield, Me.,

- i. Walter Herbert<sup>6</sup>, b. July 25, 1867; d. Dixfield, March 29, 1868.
- ii. Alice Louise<sup>6</sup>, b. July 27, 1871; m. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 26, 1895, as second wife, John Lynch, son of John and Ellen (Barker) Lynch of Portland. Res., Washington, D. C. No ch.
- iii. Lester Everett<sup>6</sup>, b. April 26, 1876.

24. George Henry<sup>5</sup> Cox Thomas J.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Thomas Jefferson<sup>4</sup> and Almira (Millett) Cox, born Dixfield, Me., Nov. 22, 1849; married Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 10, 1872, Clara M. Bruner, daughter of George and Chloe E. ( ) Bruner of Bloomington.

Children, all born Bloomington,

- i. Albert Bruner<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 27, 1874; d. Bloomington, Nov. 16, 1874.
- ii. Herman Millett<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 1, 1875; m. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1897, Clara Sinclair Gregg.
- iii. Lutie Delle<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1878; d. Bloomington, Feb. 29, 1884.

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\*He had no middle name, but assumed "W" probably for Whitman.



25. William Francis<sup>5</sup> Cox (William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth Sophronia (Millett) Cox, born Norway, Me., Nov. 28, 1843; married Norway, Oct. 5, 1868, Catherine Hobbs Noyes, daughter of Capt. Amos F. and Lydia (Hobbs) Noyes, born Norway, Dec. 7, 1846. He enlisted three times during the civil war; first, Sept. 10, 1862, in Co. H, 23rd Reg. Me. Vols.; second, Feb. 16, 1864, in Co. B, 32d Reg. Me. Vols.; third, Dec. 29, 1864, in Co. F, Coast Guards. Wounded before Petersburg.

Children, born Norway, Me.,

- i. Oscar Noyes<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 9, 1870; m. Norway, Dec. 30, 1896, Fannie L. Herrick, daughter of Jonathan S. and Hannah W. (Brickett) Herrick, b. Norway, March 27, 1874,
- ii. Weltha Mabel<sup>6</sup>, b. March 28, 1876.

26. Edwin Augustus<sup>5</sup> Cox (William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth Sophronia (Millett) Cox, born Norway, Me., Sept. 10, 1848; m. Norway, Sept. 23, 1875, Issinella Amanda Hobbs, daughter of William Crosby and Amanda (Tufts) Hobbs, born Norway, Dec. 15, 1853.

Children, born Norway,

- i. Claude William<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1876.
- ii. Minneola Ava<sup>6</sup>, b. March 3, 1880.
- iii. Carleton Edwin<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 4, 1885.

27. Edwin Stillmans Cox (Samuel P.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel Phipps<sup>4</sup> and Mary (Turner) Cox, born Hudson, Ill., Oct. 24, 1846; married Chico, Cal., Nov., 28, 1873, Eliza Jane Mason, born McLain Co., Ill., Jan. 1, 1854. Res., Hardman, Oregon.

Children,

- i. Mary Emma<sup>6</sup>, b. Butte Co., Cal., Nov. 25, 1874; m. —— Marsh.
- ii. Chauncey Delbert<sup>6</sup>, b. Plumas Co., Cal., May 19, 1877.

28. James William<sup>5</sup> Cox (George W.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of George Washington<sup>4</sup> and Nancy Jane (Loving) Cox, born McLain Co., Ill., Jan. 10, 1844; married April 5, 1867, Mary E. Turpin, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Kiser) Turpin, born Owen Co., Ind., May 9, 1846. He enlisted Aug., 1861, in Co. C, 33d Reg., Illinois Infantry, and served two years. Removed to Allen Co., Kansas, in 1874, and to Lin Co.,



Kansas, in 1882. Rep. to Legislature, 1881. Res., Blue Mound, Lin Co., Kansas.

Children,

- i. Jennie<sup>6</sup>, m. 1898.
- ii. Zeuner<sup>6</sup>, m. Sept. 24, 1894, Eliza Crain. Res., Blue Mound.
- iii. Viola<sup>6</sup>, m. June 9, 1894, Freeman J. Crozier. Res., Centreville, Kansas.
- iv. Aura<sup>6</sup>, m. Nov. 10, 1897, Charles Curry. Res., Blue Mound.

29. Henry W. Cox<sup>5</sup> (George W.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of George Washington<sup>4</sup> and Nancy Jane (Loving) Cox, born McLain Co., Ill., Jan. 20, 1854; married Oct. 3, 1872, Jennie S. Ritter, born Oct. 2, 1853. Res., Elsmore, Kansas.

Children,

- 38. i. C. Frank<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 28, 1875.
- ii. Lizzie C.<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 10, 1877; m. May 1, 1892, John W. Pine. 2 ch.
- iii. W. H. Harry<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 11, 1879.
- iv. Roy Wesley<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 8, 1884.

30. Charles Edwin<sup>5</sup> Cox (James H.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of James Hooper<sup>4</sup> and Mary Ann (Chadbourne) Cox, born Waterford, Me., Sept. 24, 1848; married Hudson, Ill., Sept. 26, 1871, Effie Dart.

Children,

- i. Nellie May<sup>6</sup>, b. July 29, 1872; d. Sept. 24, 1873.
- ii. Merton D.<sup>6</sup>, b. March 20, 1874.
- iii. L. Mabel<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 29, 1879.
- iv. Claudius H.<sup>6</sup>, b. May 11, 1880.
- v. James H.<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 22, 1883.
- vi. Charles W.<sup>6</sup>, b. March 23, 1886.
- vii. Clare F.<sup>6</sup>, b. March 9, 1888.
- viii. Don William<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1893.

31. Herbert Melvin<sup>5</sup> Cox (James H.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of James Hooper and Mary Ann (Chadbourne) Cox, born Bloomington, Ill., July 17, 1861; married Atlanta, Ill., Oct. 1, 1885, Mae Downy, daughter of William Hoblett and Laura (Roach) Downy. Res., Hudson, Ill.

Children,

- i. Edith Mae<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 31, 1886.
- ii. Fred Herbert<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 16, 1888.
- iii. Carroll<sup>6</sup>, b. July 22, 1895.

32. Harry Whitmore<sup>5</sup> Cox (James H.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of James Hooper and Mary Ann (Chadbourne)



Cox, born Bloomington, Ill., July 17, 1861; married Bessemer, Mich., Jan. 3, 1889, Saidee Gray, daughter of James A. and Alexandrina (McLeod) Gray. Res., Hudson, Ill.

Children,

- i. Mary Alexia<sup>6</sup>, b. Hudson, Feb. 10, 1890.

33. Samuel Nash<sup>5</sup> Cox (Enos<sup>4</sup>, Enos<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Enos<sup>4</sup> and Rebekah (Orcutt) Cox, born Abington, Mass., June, 1830: married, first, 1857, Harriet N. Clement of Boston, who died 1889. He married second, Nellie Enberg of St. Joseph, Mo.

Children,

- i. Charles Henry<sup>6</sup>, b. Abington, May 12, 1855; d. Nov. 20, 1864.

34. James Francis<sup>5</sup> Cox (Enos<sup>4</sup>, Enos<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Enos<sup>4</sup> and Rebekah (Orcutt) Cox, born Abington, Mass., March 6, 1832; died Abington, June 21, 1885; married Abington, Sept. 22, 1857, Mary Ann Farrar, daughter of Judson Niles and Mary Ann (Whitney) Farrar, born Boston, Sept. 22, 1835.

Children, born Abington,

- i. Frank Judson<sup>6</sup>, b. July 30, 1858; d. Abington, Aug. 30, 1858.
- ii. Francis Marion<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 24, 1859; d. Abington, Sept. 21, 1861.
- iii. Mary Rebekah<sup>6</sup>, b. April 26, 1863.
- iv. Harriet Cary<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 28, 1868; m. Abington, June 30, 1900, Albert Woodbury Dennis, son of Leonard Griffin and Sarah Elizabeth (Woodbury) Dennis, b. Gainesville, Fla., April 11, 1873. Res., Salem, Mass.

35. Samuel Otis<sup>5</sup> Cox (Joseph H.<sup>4</sup>, Enos<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Joseph Hobart<sup>4</sup> and Lydia Cushman (Lyon) Cox, married Rosetta C. Stebbins.

Children, born Hanson, Mass.,

- i. James Everett<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 19, 1861; m. Matilda Robinshaw of Waltham.
- ii. Herbert Greysen<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 1, 1869.

36. Charles Raymond<sup>5</sup> Cox (Hiram G.<sup>4</sup>, Enos<sup>3</sup>, Seth<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Hiram G.<sup>4</sup>, and Caroline (Raymond) Cox, born Duxbury, Mass., April 23, 1837; married Jan. 1, 1878, Lucy Reed Sproul of Whitman, Mass. Res., Whitman.

Children,

- i. Leonard Frank<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 27, 1882.



v 37. Chauncey Delbert<sup>6</sup> Cox (Edwin S.<sup>5</sup>, Samuel P.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Edwin Stillman<sup>5</sup> and Eliza Jane (Nelson) Cox, born Plumas Co., Cal., May 19, 1877; married Myra Howlett, daughter of Luther S. and Ellen Frances (Gordon) Howlett. Res., California.

Children,

- i. Virginia<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 18, 1903.

38. C. Frank<sup>6</sup> Cox (Henry W.<sup>5</sup>, Geo. W.<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Henry W.<sup>5</sup>, and Jennie S. (Ritter) Cox, born Jan. 28, 1875; married April 1, 1894, Pearl Bonta.

Children,

- i. Hazel F.<sup>7</sup>, b. July 10, 1895.
- ii. Elmer Lynn<sup>7</sup>, b. June 29, 1897.



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33. "John<sup>s</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel, Jr.<sup>4</sup> and Mary (Thayer of Randolph), Cox, was born in Dorchester, Dec. 1791, bapt. Jan. 1, 1792. He learned his father's trade of harness-maker, and came to Dedham in the employ of Capt. Elisha McIntosh, as early as 1814.\* "Mar. 9, 1815, he married his employer's wife's sister, Lucretia Damon, (a descendant of Rev. John Wilson, the first minister of Boston and of Henry Sampson of the Mayflower), and located on Church Street, where he finally owned three houses and a coach manufactory. In 1822, the Dedham Rifle Club was formed, "two of the reputed best shots," John Cox and Edward Hall choosing sides. He took great pleasure in going to Cohasset to shoot wild ducks, and once captured a wild goose, storm-driven to Wigwam Pond, in Dedham. In 1824, he formed the firm of "Cox and Tower," for Chaise Work, Harness Work, Painting, &c." He joined in organizing the "Independent Line of Stage Coaches," between Boston and Providence, and superintended most of the repair work. After railroads superseded stage coaches, he followed house and carriage painting. He helped organize the first Fire Department, and was long an active member of the "Volunteer Engine Co." For several years, he served as Constable, and in 1841, was a member of the noted "Society for Apprehending and Prosecuting (Horse) Thieves." He was a strong temperance advocate, and a man of kindly disposition. He died at 87, of old age, Nov. 17, 1878."

The family of John<sup>s</sup> and Lucretia (Damon) Cox, consisted of nine children;

- i. Louisa Damon, b. Feb. 25, 1816; m. William Cox, son of William<sup>s</sup>; 2 ch., Edward Glover, Adelaide; d. Dec. 14, 1859. See page 131.
- ii. Mary Thayer, b. Dec. 18, 1818; m. May 1, 1842, Aaron Marden; 3 ch., Fanny (Russell), Minnie (Pierce), Harry; d. May 12, 1851.
- iii. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Oct. 6, 1821; m. May 1, 1842, Marshall Newell; 2 ch., Martha (Pierce), Frank F.; d. Sept 6, 1896.
- 53. iv. John, b. Mar 6, 1825.
- v. Caroline Frances, b. May 29, 1828; m. Aaron Marden; 2 ch., Mary, William; d. Jan. 17, 1875.

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\*"Dedham Treasurer December 24, 1814, To Mr. John Cox, \$19.33—for eight sets of cartridge boxes." "\$106.00 for Guns and Accoutrements."



54. vi. Samuel Henry, b. Sept. 7, 1830.  
 vii. Nancy Damon, b. Dec. 26, 1835; d. unmarried, Mar. 1853.  
 viii. William Hayden, b. Mar. 23, 1838; d. unmarried, 1891; continued his father's painting business.  
 ix. Abby Lucretia, b. Aug. 6, 1842; d. Feb. 1, 1844.
34. George<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), youngest son of Samuel<sup>4</sup>, and Mary (Thayer) Cox, was baptized Oct. 27, 1793, "Being the first child baptized by the Rev. Mr. Harris, on the first Lord's day after his ordination."

Mr. Cox moved from Mattapan, Mass., to Maine in 1814, where in the towns of Gardiner, North Yarmouth, Hallowell and finally at Riverside, he engaged in the manufacture of paper, under the several firm names of "Savels, Cox & Co.", "Harris & Cox Bros.", "George Cox & Co." He was prosperous in all these ventures until misfortune came in the destruction of his plant on Seven Mile Brook, by fire in 1841.

He married an English lady by the name of Ellen Wentworth, by whom he had six children.

- i. George Washington.
- ii. Mary Elizabeth, m. Hall.
- iii. Julia Wentworth, m. 1845, Edwin F. Hoyt.
- iv. Ellen Maria.
- v. Quincy Adams, 4 ch., John, George, Ellen, Callia(?).
- vi. William Eugene, Riverside, Me., served in 3rd Me. Cavalry.

35. George<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Henry<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the eldest son of Capt. Henry<sup>4</sup>, and Sarah (Davenport) Cox, born Nov. 21, baptized Dec. 16, 1795. He married Hannah Drinkwater, of North Yarmouth, Me., in which town he was engaged in manufacturing paper. He was interested in the same business later, in East Walpole, Mass. There were six children;

- i. Phoebe, m. June 9, 1842, Frances Polleys. Resides Huntsville, O.
- ii. Frances E., a teacher, d. unmarried.
- iii. Rebecca Fisher, b. June 16, 1828; m. Sept. 28, 1843, Frances D. Lincoln, of Walpole, Mass.
- iv. Emily Drinkwater.\*
- v. Henrietta, a teacher, unmarried.
- vi. Sally Bussey, a teacher, unmarried.

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\* Miss Emily Cox lives in the Capt. Henry Cox House, at Cox's Corner, Mattapan Mass., and with her mother, then 96 years of age, entertained the Cox family at its first reunion, Oct. 2, 1897.



36. Henry<sup>5</sup> ("Harry") Cox, (Henry<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Henry<sup>4</sup>, and Mrs. Sarah (Davenport) (Bussey) Cox, born Nov. 20, 1797, married Dec. 11, 1819, Rachael A. Durgan and had two children. Mrs. Rachael Cox died July 23, 1852, aged 50 years.

55. i. William Henry, b. Dec. 1, 1820.

ii. Ann Matilda, b. Aug. 11, 1824; m. William Tavener.

37. Samuel Birds<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Bowman) Cox, was born in Chicopee Falls, Mass., Sept. 26, 1815. He married, in 1842, Eliza Hicks, of New York. Mrs. Cox died some years since, and Samuel Bird resides (1899) with his daughter, Mrs. Eva Judd, in Tellamook, Oregon. There were four children.

56. i. Lemuel Bird, b. Jan. 21, 1844?

57. ii. Rueben Samuel, b. Aug. 15, 1847.

58 iii. Eugene S., b. June 15, 1850.

iv. Eva, b. Sept. 20, 1852. m. May 15, 1878, John Stanley Judd; 9 ch.

38. Samuel<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), oldest son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Fanny (Watson) Cox, called "Samuel, Jr.," in family records, was born in Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 9, 1793. He was a blacksmith by trade. He married, Aug. 10, 1819, in the city of Baltimore, Harriet Moore. Rev. John M. Duncan was the officiating clergyman.

Harriet (Moore) Cox was born Feb. 5, 1791, and died Oct. 13, 1838, and was buried in the family tomb in Cambridge, Mass., opposite Harvard University. Samuel<sup>5</sup> had three children by his first wife.

Mr. Cox married 2nd Oct. 31, 1839, Lucy Ann Bayley of Cambridge. She was born in Lunenburg, Mass., Mar. 6, 1812, where she died Feb. 9, 1896. Samuel<sup>5</sup> died in Lunenburg, June 3, 1841. He had one child by the second marriage, Charles Edwin Cox, now (1899) living in Lunenburg.

i. Joseph, b. July 6, 1820; d. 1873.

ii. George C., b. May 10, 1823; d. Feb. 3, 1853.

iii. William W.

59. iv. Charles Edwin, b. Apr. 24, 1840.

39. Leonards<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the second son of Samuel<sup>4</sup>, and Fanny (Watson) Cox, born



in West Cambridge, March 4, 1796, and baptized by the Rev. Ebenezer Nelson, Sen. Sept. 15, 1817. He married May 9, 1820, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter and Louisa Lear, of Malden, Mass., "Parson Aaron Green officiating."

Leonard<sup>5</sup> was a man of upright character and sterling piety. His name appears as one of the constituent members of the West Cambridge, now Arlington, Baptist Church, in which body he held several important offices. He was also a successful business man, acquiring considerable property. He died at his home on Green St., Cambridge, March 8, 1877, a 81.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Lear) Cox was born in Malden, Mass., April 24, 1794, died in Cambridgeport, Aug. 22, 1872, "After a wedded life of 52 years, and a membership in the Baptist Church of 44 years," a woman of quiet unassuming piety. The children were four.

- 60. i. Leonard, b. Oct. 5, 1821.
- 61. ii. Peter Lear, b. Mar. 31, 1824.
- 62. iii. Henry Skinner Brown, b. July 15, 1827. d. July 30, 1877.
- iv. Elizabeth Frances, b. Feb. 5, 1835; m. Francis Augustus<sup>6</sup> Cox, son of Elbridge<sup>5</sup>, July 21, 1868.

40. Rev. Elbridge<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) the youngest son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Fanny (Watson) Cox, was born in West Cambridge, Mass., May 4, 1806. In early life, he was in business as a "Storekeeper," in that part of his native town which is now Arlington. Lord's Day, June 3, 1830, he was baptized by Rev. E. Nelson, Jr., "In the great pond opposite the Post Office." (Spy Pond?) Mr. Cox was prominent in Church matters, holding the offices of Moderator, Church Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent, etc., for the next ten years. In 1840, October 4, he was licensed to preach the Gospel as a minister of the Baptist denomination, and Dec. 20, of this year was dismissed from the church in West Cambridge, to form a new church at Emery's Mills, in the town of Shapleigh, Maine. From this time, Mr. Cox served for a longer or shorter term, various churches in Maine and New Hampshire, having recourse on several occasions, to his former occupation as a "store keeper," in order to support his large family.

Elbridge<sup>5</sup> Cox married Olevia Augusta Grey of Wells, Me., by whom he had ten children. Mrs. Cox was possessed of a highly



imaginative nature, and a taste for writing poetry; but her talents were never developed by a liberal education. The later years of her life were saddened by ill health. She died at Augusta, Maine, April 7, 1893, a 80. Rev. Elbridge Cox died in South Vineland, N. J., May 7, 1874, a 68. The children were:

- i. Ann Mary, b. 1832; d. June 30, 1839.
- 63. ii. Judson Gray.
- iii. Harriet Morse, b. Oct. 31, 1835; m. William Wentworth Palmer; 1 ch.
- 64. iv. Francis Augustus, b. Aug. 3, 1837.
- v. Diantha. { Twins. Abby M. m. George Palmer of Haverhill,
- vi. Abby Melissa. } Mass; 5 ch.
- vii. Rosa A. drowned at Freedom, N. H.
- viii. Susan Augustua, b. June 6, 1843; m. Nov. 26, 1868, James W. Smith, of Stark, Me. 1 ch. d. Mar. 14. 1903.
- 65. ix. Charles Henry, b. Aug. 7, 1846.
- 66. x. John Hosmer, b. Dec. 3, 1848.

41. Benjamins Cox, (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), oldest son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, and Clarissa (Emerson) Cox, born Dec. 10, 1810, married June 7, 1832, Mary Ann, daughter of Joel and Ruth (Tapley) Hewes. Mr. Cox died in Wakefield, Mass., May 30, 1891. Mrs. Cox was born April 17, 1814, and died June 2, 1847. Their children were:

- i. Francis Warren, b. Oct. 10, 1833. d. Oct. 12, 1833.
- ii. Mary Ellen, b. July 7, 1835; m. Feb. 26, 1862, Augustus A. Parker; d. Mar. 11, 1871.
- iii. Adelaide Hewes, b. Oct. 2, 1840; m. July 24, 1863, Edward A. Simpson; d. Apr. 13, 1865.
- 67. iv. Leroy Benjamin, b. Nov. 17, 1845.
- v. Daniel Proctor, b. May 31, 1846; d. Aug. 26, 1850.

42. Thomas Emersons Cox, (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) born in Lynnfield, Mass., was the second son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, and Clarissa (Emerson) Cox. He married October 8, 1839, Lucy Gould, and died May 7, 1898. The children were six.

- i. Lucy Albina, b. July 6, 1840.
- ii. Benjamin Franklin, b. 1842, d. inf.
- iii. Abby Jane, b. Sept. 1843; d. R. R. accident July 1863, unmarried.
- iv. Caroline Parmelia, b. July 6, 1852; m. Feb. 20, 1872, Frances E. Noyes.
- 68. vi. Thomas Emerson, b. April 20, 1860.

43. Hubbard Emersons Cox, (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), born in Lynnfield, Sept. 3, 1825, the son of



Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, and Clarissa (Emerson) Cox. He married, May 6, 1847, Lydia Perham, of Reading, Mass., daughter of Joseph and Sally (Parker) Spokefield.

Mr. Cox is a wood and lumber dealer residing in North Reading, Mass. He has two children.

- i. Sarah Elizabeth, b. April 4, 1850.
- ii. Charles Hubbard, b. Jan. 10, 1853.

44. George<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), youngest son of Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, and Clarissa (Emerson) Cox, was born in Lynnfield, Mass., August 5, 1828. He married in Woburn, Mass., June 8, 1849, Harriet, daughter of John W. and Harriet B. Wiley, of South Reading. George<sup>5</sup> is successfully carrying on the shoe business. There are three children.

69. i. George Francis, b. Aug. 5, 1850.  
 ii. Albert Eugene, b. June 6, 1852; d. Nov. 25, 1868.  
 iii. Charles Warren, b. Sept. 17, 1856; d. Sept. 21, 1857.

45. Charles Motey<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Mathew<sup>4</sup> by his second wife, Charlotte (Emerson) Cox, born May 5, 1815. He married Emeline Brewer, daughter of Ebenezer and Nancy W. (Draper) Vose of Boston. They had four children.

Mr. Cox was a prominent shoe dealer of Boston, having his place of business at 171 Washington Street, nearly opposite the Old South Church. He died in Boston Oct. 5, 1890.

- i. Charles Vose, b. Nov. 5, 1848; m. May 20, 1888, Mary L. Lawrence.
- 70. ii. William Emerson, b. May 4, 1850.
- 71. iii. George Bancroft, b. Jan 31, 1852.
- 72. iv. Edwin Birchard, b. Jan. 31, 1859.

46. John Orne<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Mathew<sup>4</sup> and Charlotte (Emerson) Cox, was born Jan. 22, 1818. He was in business with his brother, Charles Motey<sup>5</sup>, in Boston, Mass. He died Aug. 16, 1839, and his brother Charles M. administers the estate.\*

47. William Emerson<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Mathew<sup>4</sup>, and Charlotte (Emerson) Cox, was born Jan. 7, 1820. He married Feb. 17, 1842, Rachael Bancroft

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Hawkes. He died April 21, 1849, in Mexico, on his way to California. They had two children.

- i. Williamine, b. July 25, 1841; m. Jan. 12, 1875, George Ransom; 2 ch.
- 73. ii. John Orne, b. Dec. 24, 1842.

48. Mathew<sup>5</sup> Cox, (Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), born June 3, 1825, married 1st Oct 2, 1849, Sarah E. W., daughter of Ebenezer and Nancy W. Vose, and a sister to the widow of his brother, Charles Moteys<sup>5</sup>. Mrs. Cox was born June 11, 1829, and died Sept. 12, 1860. A stone, in Mount Auburn, bearing the words, "May angels guard her while she sleeps," marks her resting place.

Mathew<sup>5</sup> Cox married 2nd in 1864, Ellen J. Aldrich. Mr. Cox died June 27, 1899, a 74. Seven children sprang from the two marriages. Two tiny marbles in the family lot in Mount Auburn, record the death of the first and second.

- i. "Our infant boy" d. Aug. 26, 1851.
- ii. "His little sister" d. June 24, 1855.
- iii. Helen Josephine, b. Dec. 23, 1865.
- iv. Mathew, b. Oct. 9, 1867; d. Aug. 8, 1868.
- v. Joseph Mathew, b. July 7, 1869.
- vi. Stephen Emerson, b. Sept. 14, 1871; d. Apr. 21, 1877.
- vii. Walter, b. June 1, 1876.

49. Samuel<sup>6</sup> Cox, (James<sup>5</sup>, James<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of James<sup>5</sup> and Hannah (Main) Cox, born Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 27, 1819. He married April 2, 1844, Elizabeth Knight Philips. She died Oct. 21, 1896. Mr. Cox was, for many years, Postmaster at Marblehead; now resides with his daughter at Lynn, Mass. His children are:

- i. Elizabeth Phillips, b. Aug. 11, 1844; m. Dec. 23, 1868. Daniel F. Proctor.
- ii. Lydia Ann Philips, b. July 21, 1846; m. Philip Smith. 2 ch.
- iii. Hannah Adams, b. July 29, 1848; m. Fred Skinner. 3 ch.
- iv. Elizabeth Knight, b. Aug. 12, 1850; m. Elery C. Spinney. 5 ch.
- v. William Main, b. Sept. 28, 1852.
- vi. Mary Knight, b. Aug. 23, 1854; d. inf.
- vii. Ellen Coolidge, b. Feb. 4, 1856; d. inf.
- viii. Martha Bartol, b. June 10, 1860.
- ix. Charles Howard, b. Aug. 28, 1862.

50. William<sup>6</sup> Cox, (William<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of William<sup>5</sup> married his cousin Louisa Damon Cox, daughter of Johns<sup>5</sup>, and Lucretia (Damon) Cox. She was a



woman of fine talents and education, acquainted with Latin, French, German, Italian and Spanish, and was assistant in the Boston Public Library, when the Bates Library was first donated to the city. Her son, Edward Glover Cox, enlisted in company F, 18th Regt. and was wounded in the 2nd battle of Bull Run. Recovering, he reenlisted as Orderly Sergeant in company D, 37th Regt., U. S. colored troops, and receiving an accidental wound, returned to die at home.

- i. Edward Glover, b. 1839; d. Oct. 23, 1864.
- ii. Adelaide, m. B. Franklin Bailey; 2 sons, James F., Henry Nichols; d. Jan. 14, 1896.

51. William<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Sally (Babb) Cox, born Sacarappa, Maine, 1813, "In his younger days, he was a barber, and later, a house painter; still later, he 'kept shop' opposite his residence 'The Babb House.'" In 1856, he was chosen selectman. There is a monument to the memory of William<sup>6</sup> and his wife in the new part of the village cemetery, at Sacarappa.

Mr. Cox married Mary A. Kennard, and died 1862, leaving no issue.

52. George<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), second son of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Sally (Babb) Cox, born Sacarappa, Me., moved to Gardner, Me., "where he was employed as a paper manufacturer."

53. "John<sup>6</sup> Cox, John<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the oldest son of John<sup>5</sup> and Lucretia (Damon) Cox, born March 6, 1825. He married May 18, 1856, Eleanor Jones of Dorchester, and died Oct 6, 1890. With very little schooling, he made himself familiar with the best literature, and adopted the printer's trade. He purchased the job printing business in 1854, and in 1870 started the Dedham Transcript. In 1854, he was chosen Foreman of Waterwitch Engine Co., also Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, which latter offices he held till 1870. He served on the School Committee from 1865 to 1870, after several years service under the old district system. He was Coroner, Justice of the Peace, Clerk at auctions, Director and President of the Dedham Library Association, Moderator at Town Meetings (more often than any other man in the history of Dedham), and filled all the chairs in the local lodge





JOHN COX, JR.



of Odd Fellows. A member of the Dedham Historical Society, he wrote, under the title of "Antiquary," articles for their Register, which published an account of his life. During the Rebellion, his enlistment as 2nd lieutenant, Co. F, 18th Regiment, was rejected for physical reasons, but he made it up by unremitting service as "War Selectman." On the return of Co. F, 1864, he was chosen to deliver the address of welcome, this being reread on Memorial Day, 1904. He was the working member of the committee that erected to the memory of the soldiers, "Memorial Hall."

Too much application to public and philanthropic matters, for he could not bear to see man, child or animal in any kind of distress, reduced his business, which he sold in 1874 to his brother Samuel. The last fifteen years of his life were happily spent as advertising clerk for Macullar, Parker & Co., Boston, whose literary calendars for 1887 and 1888 were entirely his work. Removing to Winthrop, he was chosen Permanent Historian of the local improvement society, "The Aphelions," making a host of new friends, whom he entertained from an inexhaustible store of anecdotes and quotations from the by-paths of literature, and greatly enjoying his life there at "Great Head by the sea." There were three children:

- 74. i. Edward Jones, b. Oct. 23, 1857.
- 75. ii. Charles Marshall, b. Dec. 18, 1859.
- iii. John Walter, b. Mar. 29, 1867; Vice-President Chas. M. Cox Co., Chamber of Commerce, Boston.

54. Samuel Henry<sup>6</sup> Cox, (John<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), born Sept. 7, 1830, married, June 13, 1854, Almira B. Glover of Boston. He was a printer, with his brother John<sup>6</sup>, and edited the Dedham Transcript, 1870 to 1881. He served in the War of the Rebellion, as Corporal, Co. D, in the 43rd Regiment, Burnside's Roanoke Expedition, and at its close was commissioned Captain of the last company formed in Dedham, but not called into service. He died Feb. 23, 1882.

The children were:

- i. Anna, b. Jan. 22, 1856.
- 76. ii. Henry Cleveland, b. Dec. 17, 1857.
- iii. Nellie Louise, b. May 24, 1861.



55. William Henry<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Henry<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Henry and Rachael (Durgan) Cox, born Dec. 1, 1820, had wife Eliza A. and children, who live at Mattapan.

77. i. Joseph W., b. Oct. 16, 1859.  
ii. Carrie M., b. Apr. 2, 1861.

56. Lemuel Bird<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Samuel Birds<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the oldest son of Samuel Birds<sup>5</sup> and Eliza (Hicks) Cox. A Wisconsin Blue Book gives the following:

"Lemuel B. Cox (Rep.) of Stevenson, was born in La Grange, Walworth county, Wis., June 21, 1846. He removed to the town of Farmington, in La Crosse county, in 1852, where he has since resided. He was educated at Galesville University. He is a farmer by occupation, and has always taken an active interest in politics as a republican, but has never held public office. He enlisted in Company K, of the Second Wisconsin Cavalry, at the age of 17, and was discharged the following year, having participated in the engagements of Yazoo City, Egypt Station, Bentonville and other minor engagements." He was elected to the Assembly in 1862, and reelected in 1894.

Samuel Bird<sup>6</sup> married March 10, 1880, Sarah Hartley, and "five children have blessed the union."

- i. Mary M., b. Apr. 24, 1881.
- ii. Reuben Samuel, b. Sept. 10, 1883.
- iii. Florence Rebecca, b. Nov. 16, 1885.
- iv. Helen Grace, b. July 21, 1891.
- v. Gladys Hartley, b. July 26, 1892.

57. Reuben Samuel<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Samuel Birds<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), second son of Samuel Birds<sup>5</sup> and Eliza (Hicks) Cox, was born in La Grange, Walworth Co., Wisconsin, Aug. 15, 1847. He married Dec. 25, 1894.

58. Eugene S.<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Samuel Birds<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>) third son of Samuel Birds<sup>5</sup> and Eliza (Hicks) Cox was born in Ashapan, Wisconsin, June 15, 1850. He married 1st, Oct. 30, 1873, Emma Logan. Unhappy circumstances resulted in divorce, and six or seven years later he married a second time. One child issued from each union.

- i. Dana Bird, b. Oct. 1874.
- ii. Dudley, killed by cable car, a 7 years, 6 months.



## EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION.

The Eighth Annual Reunion of the New England Cox Family Association was held in Sewall Hall, New Century Building, Boston, Nov. 11, 1904. About 60 members from all parts of the country were present. After a very pleasant social season and the usual reports, the following officers were elected: President, Guy W. Cox of Boston; Vice-president, L. Emory Holden of Cleveland, Ohio; Treasurer, F. Lincoln Peirce of Newtonville, Mass.; Historian, Rev. John H. Cox of West Harwich; Secretary, Edward J. Cox of Newtonville.

The family were entertained by the Cecilia Male Quartette, Chas. L. Atwood 1st tenor, F. Lincoln Peirce\* 2nd tenor, Chas. L. Peirce\* 1st bass, W. S. Hambleton 2nd bass, with quartettes and solos, and by the Misses Alice and Lottie Cox of Andover, with violin duetts, all giving excellent parts of a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

\*Grandsons of Mrs. Francis D. Lincoln, page 126.



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59. Charles Edwin<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), of Lunenburg, Mass., was the son of Samuel<sup>5</sup> and Lucy Ann (Bayley) Cox, born in Cambridge, Mass., April 24, 1840. He married May 12, 1861, Nancy Lovina, daughter of Eliphalet and Nancy (Green) Bayley. Mrs. Cox died in Lunenburg, Aug. 21, 1896. Charles Edwin<sup>6</sup> divides his time between farming, printing and undertaking and also furnishes entertainment to such strangers as chance to visit his quiet home town. There are two children:

- i. Etta May, b. May 1, 1862.
- ii. Edwin Allen, b. July 1, 1878.

60. Rev. Leonard<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Leonards, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), eldest son of Leonards and Elizabeth (Lear) Cox, was born in Malden, Mass., "Friday, Oct. 5, 1821,". He was baptized June 7, 1835, at West Cambridge (Arlington) by Rev. Appleton Morse. He entered Middleboro Academy under the care of Prof. Briggs, where he prepared for college. He entered the freshman class of Harvard University 1839, graduating 1843.

Leonard<sup>6</sup> was ordained as pastor of the First Predestinarian Baptist Church, in Woburn, Mass., Sept. 28, 1847. He preached about fourteen years in Massachusetts, and later in Maine and New York. In 1871, he moved to Virginia, and is at present (1905) editor of "The Charlotte Gazette," a weekly newspaper printed at Charlotte Court House, Va.

Leonard<sup>6</sup> married 1st, Oct. 5, 1844, Lydia P., youngest daughter of Edward Brown of Cambridgeport. Mrs. Cox died May 3, 1856, and was buried in Cambridge Cemetery, Mt. Auburn, where a modest stone bears the inscription: "Mrs. Lydia P. Cox, who fell asleep in Jesus, May 3, 1856, aged 34 years and 6 months." On the reverse side: "Her last words were 'Jesus is victorious.'"

Leonard<sup>6</sup> married 2nd, October 1857, Mary J. Badger of Brunswick, Maine. The children were:



- i. Frances Adelaide, b. June 25, 1845; m. Dr. Edwin L. Ford; d. Apr. 18, 1884.  
 ii. Mary Elizabeth, b. Dec. 7, 1849; d. Apr. 1857.  
 iii. Willie, b. Feb. 3, d. 23, 1854.  
 78. iv. Frederick Leonard, b. Dec. 14, 1858.  
 v. Arthur L.  
 vi. Edwin P.

61. Peter Lear<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Leonards, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), the second son of Leonard<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Lear) Cox, was born March 3, 1824. He married April 30, 1846, Cordelia, daughter of Benajah and Delila (Chase) Crowell of Harwich, Mass., born Nov. 21, 1827. Mr. Cox edited the first newspaper printed in Cambridge. It was called "Brother Jonathan's Youngest," later "the Magnolia," and still later "The Palladium." The History of Lynn, Mass., records the fact that the "Lynn Reporter" was commenced by Peter L. Cox and Henry S. Cox.

Peter Lear<sup>6</sup> served as clerk of the Senate under Governor Gardner, and was treasurer of the Wax Thread Co., of Boston, and has visited "lands beyond the seas." He had one child, a daughter, whose son he adopted under the name of William F. Cox, with whom he now resides in the state of New York. He adopted also his granddaughter, Gertrude Lemoyne, under the name of Gertrude Cox. Children:

- i. Emma Frances, b. June 8, 1853; m. Dec. 11, 1872, Joel H. Lemoyne;  
 2 ch.  
 ii. William F. (adopted)  
 iii. Gertrude. (adopted). m. Jeremiah O. Crowell, of N. Y.; 3 ch.

62. Henry Skinner Brown<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Leonards, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), third son of Leonard<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Lear) Cox was born in Malden, Mass., July 15, 1827. He married Mar. 29, 1849, Hannah E. Snow, of Brookline. He was engaged in the printing and publishing business with his brother Peter Lear<sup>6</sup> in Cambridge and Lynn. He died July 20, 1877. There were two children:

79. i. Walter Henry, b. Oct 8. 1850.  
 ii. Fanny Isabelle, b. Mar. 15, 1854; m. Pike Humphrey; 13 ch.



63. Judson<sup>6</sup> Cox (Elbridge<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the eldest son of Elbridge<sup>5</sup> and Olevia Augusta (Grey) Cox, born in West Cambridge. He was a young man of promising abilities, and at one time gained some renown as a lecturer upon the temperance platform under the name of "Judson Grey." He married unhappily, had one child, and died at his father's home at East New Sharon, Me. He was buried in the village cemetery.

64. Francis Augustus<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Elbridge<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was born Aug. 3, 1837, in West Cambridge, Mass. He married his cousin, Elizabeth Frances Cox, daughter of Leonard<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Lear) Cox, and lives on the old home place of her father at Cambridge. No children.

65. Charles Henry<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Elbridge<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was born in Freedom, New Hampshire, Aug. 7, 1846. He married, 1st, Mar. 17, 1870, Annie M., daughter of Robert Trask, of New Sharon, Me., a woman of rare Christian qualities. Mrs. Cox died Sept 23, 1896, and Charles Henry<sup>6</sup> married, 2nd, Dec. 22, 1897, Mrs. Jennie L. Peaslee, of Haverhill, Mass. Mr. Cox is a Civil War veteran, having served in the 28th Maine Infantry of nine month's men, re-enlisting for three years in the 2nd Maine Cavalry. He has also served one term as alderman of the city of Haverhill, Mass.

There were born of the first marriage two children. The elder, Charles Arthur, a promising young man, died in his freshman year at Colby College; the other, Fred Judson, is a graduate of Brown University; and at present in the Insurance business at Perth Amboy, N. J.

- i. Charles Arthur, b. Sept. 20, 1876; d. Sept. 20, 1896.
- ii. Fred Judson, b. Sept. 20, 1880; m. Oct. 10, 1905, Annie B., daughter of J. Fred and Amie B. (Kelly) Adams.
- iii. Carroll F., b. Oct. 25, 1899.



66. Rev. John Hosmer<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Elbridge<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), youngest son of Elbridge and Olevia Augusta (Grey) Cox; was born in Freedom, New Hampshire, Dec. 3, 1848. At the age of 15, he enlisted in Co. E, 23rd Mass. Volunteers for three years, and served to the end of the war. He fitted for college at Maine State Seminary, at Lewiston, Me., and graduated from Colby College, Waterville, in the class of '75. He married Nov. 3, 1869, Emma Nancy, daughter of William Lemont, of Bath, Me. There are three children.

Mr. Cox was ordained to the Baptist Ministry at Camden, Me., Jan. 23, 1878, as pastor of the Elm St., Baptist Church, dropping out of the last year of his Theological Course at Newton Theological Institution for this purpose. Returning to the Seminary at the beginning of the school year, he graduated in the class of '81 in June, having accepted a call to the pastorate of the Athol, Mass., Baptist Church the April previous. He has since served as pastor of the Baptist Church in Merrimac, and Lexington, Mass., and is at present (1905) pastor of the Baptist Church in West Harwich, Mass.

Mr. Cox has served for nine years as Historian of the New England Cox Family Association.

- i. Ernest William, b. May 1, 1872, Bath, Me.
  - ii. Ethel May }
  - iii. Edith Maude }
- Twins, born Camden, Me., March 20, 1878. Ethel May m. Oct. 18, 1905, Byron M. Steele. Edith Maude m. Dec. 10, 1902, Edwin F. Hutchinson, of Lexington, Mass.

67. Leroy Benjamin<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Benjamins<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Benjamins<sup>5</sup> and Mary Ann (Hewes) Cox, was born in Lynfield, Mass., Nov. 17, 1845. He married Mary Belle, daughter of William Stout and Emily (Summers) Clift, of Terre Haute, Indiana, Jan. 5, 1870. He resides in Chicago, Ill., is a merchant, and has one child.

- i. Emily Bancroft, b. May 8, 1884.



68. Thomas Emerson<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Thomas Emerson<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Thomas Emerson<sup>5</sup> and Lucy (Gould) Cox was born at Lynfield Centre, Mass., April 20, 1860. He married Mar. 27, 1884, Elizabeth R., daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Childs) Leavis. He lives on the old home place at Lynfield, and has had four children.

- i. Harold Childs, b. Apr. 21, 1885.
- ii. Thomas Emerson, b. Aug. 9, 1891; d. Dec. 5, 1892.
- iii. Ralph Emerson, b. May 22, 1895.
- iv. Benjamin Gould, b. Nov. 19, 1899.

69. George Francis<sup>6</sup> Cox, (George<sup>5</sup>, Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of George<sup>5</sup> and Harriet F. (Wiley) Cox, was born Aug. 5, 1850, and married Feb. 22, 1883, Ora A. Tay. They have three children:

- i. Albert Ernest, b. July 21, 1883.
- ii. Ora Majorie, b. May 1, 1885.
- iii. Nathalie, b. Jan. 14, 1896.

70. William Emerson<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Charles Motey<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was the son of Charles Motey<sup>5</sup> and Emeline B. (Vose) Cox. He was born May 4, 1850, and married Nov. 11, 1886, in London, England, Josephine Nickerson, by whom he had one child, born in Boston, Mass. William Emerson<sup>6</sup> died Nov. 28, 1903.

- i. Mildred Emerson, b. Feb. 11, 1888.

71. George Bancroft<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Charles Motey<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Charles Motey<sup>5</sup> and Emeline B. (Vose) Cox, was born Jan. 31, 1852. He married, Sept. 20, 1888, Lenis Matheson. He died April 4, 1889, in Walton, Rookes Co., Kansas, leaving no children.

72. Edwin Birchard<sup>6</sup> Cox, (Charles Motey<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), youngest son of Charles Motey<sup>5</sup>, and Emeline B. (Vose) Cox, was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 31,



1859. He married, July 5, 1888, Mary Lane, daughter of Nathaniel H. and Mary E. (Bray) Stevenson Cox. They have three children, born in Brookline, Mass., where they now reside.

- i. Edwin Birchard, b. May 15, 1889.
- ii. Emeline Bancroft, b. Feb. 12, 1892.
- iii. Ruth Emerson, b. June 24, 1893.

73. John Orne<sup>6</sup> Cox, (William Emerson<sup>5</sup>, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of William Emerson<sup>5</sup> and Rachael Bancroft (Hawkes) Cox, was born, Dec. 24, 1842, and married Helen Bradley, Dec. 12, 1866, by whom he has two children.

80.     i. Frank Bradley, b. May 27, 1870.  
 ii. John Orne, b. Apr. 3, 1871.

74. Edward Jones<sup>7</sup> Cox, (John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of John, Jr., and Eleanor (Jones) Cox, was born at Dedham, Oct. 23, 1857. After two years as telegraph operator at Dedham, he graduated from the four year's course at the Bridgewater Normal School in 1880. Returning from the next year spent in Minnesota, he became principal of the Colburn Grammar School in West Dedham, then submaster in the Haverhill High School, and principal of the High Schools at Norwell, Cohasset and Sudbury, including one year on the Cohasset School Committee, and three years as Superintendent of Schools at Sudbury. He is now submaster of the Lowell Grammar School in Boston. He is a member of the Mayflower Descendants, and Sons of the American Revolution, and has served the Cox Family Association as its Secretary since its beginning, excepting for one year. He married Isabella L. Nye, of South Scituate, Oct. 6, 1883, lives in Newtonville, and has three children.

- i. Eleanor, Louise, born West Dedham, Dec. 22, 1886.
- ii. Marshall Walter, born Norwell, Nov. 25, 1889.
- iii. John Edward, born Newtonville, Aug. 15, 1896.





**CHARLES MARSHALL<sup>7</sup> COX**  
(John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>)



75. Charles Marshall<sup>7</sup> Cox, (John<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of John, Jr., and Eleanor (Jones) Cox, was born at Dedham, Dec. 18, 1859. After a term of service as bookkeeper and salesman for J. E. Soper & Co., he established the firm of Chas. M. Cox Co., wholesale merchants in flour, feed, and grain, in the Boston Chamber of Commerce, of which firm he is President. He has served the Chamber as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, and as a Director. As a member of the Twentieth Century Club, he takes practical interest in such problems as municipal ownership, and in trips abroad and with the Appalachian Mt. Club finds subjects for his skillful amateur brush in water colors and oils. He served the Cox Family Association two years as its president. He married Gertrude Day, of Melrose, December 11, 1889, and has three children.

- i. Margery, born Dec. 30, 1892.
- ii. Laurance Day, born Aug. 13, 1895.
- iii. Moulton, born Oct. 8, 1899.

76. Henry Cleveland<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Samuel Henry<sup>6</sup>, Johns<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), was born in Dedham, Mass., Dec. 17, 1857. He married Apr. 4, 1883, Minnie Gertrude, daughter of Ethan Stetson and Annie Matilda Churchill, of Dedham. He holds the position of clerk in the National Bank of Redemption. One child.

- i. Harold Augustus, b. June 27, 1884.

77. Joseph W.<sup>7</sup> Cox, (William Henry<sup>6</sup>, Henry<sup>5</sup>, Henry<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of William Henry<sup>6</sup> and Eliza A. Cox, was born Oct. 16, 1859, and married, June 9, 1887, Addie F. Vose. They have one child.

- i. Florence Vose, b. April 28, 1889.

78. Frederick Leonard<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Leonard<sup>6</sup> Leonards<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup> Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), son of Leonard<sup>6</sup> and Mary A. (Badger) Cox, was born Dec. 14, 1858. He is married and has two children, and was recently connected with the War Department at Washington, D. C.



79. Walter Henry<sup>7</sup> Cox, (Henry Skinner Brown<sup>6</sup>, Leonards, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), only son of Henry Skinner Brown<sup>6</sup> and Hannah E. (Snow) Cox, was born in Lynn, Mass., Oct 8, 1850. He married, 1st, Oct. 27, 1874, Sarah E. Withington, of Boston; 2nd. Eugenia Richenstine. He married, 3rd, Nov. 10, 1896, Elizabeth Mary, daughter of James and Ann Ellis. Children:

- i. Henry.
- ii. Louis.
- iii. Helen Elizabeth, b. Jan 19, 1901.

80. Frank Bradley<sup>7</sup> Cox, (John Orne<sup>6</sup>, William Emersons, Mathew<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Mathew<sup>2</sup>, Robert<sup>1</sup>), eldest son of John Orne<sup>6</sup> and Helen (Bradley) Cox, was born May 27, 1870. He married, in Salem, Mass., Sept. 23, 1896, Mabel Cummings, daughter of Leonard and Ellen (Langmaid) Harrington.

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